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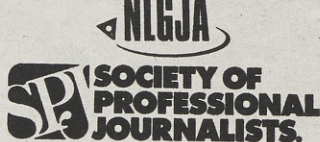
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Dear Editor,

Please allow me to publicly express my profound gratitude for the donation of \$452 made by Unity Outreach/CGNIE to the Lambda Letters Project. I attended the event and they all obviously worked very hard to raise it. The following people deserve particular thanks: Terry Sidie, Ashley Harwood, Barry Berger, Courtney St. James and Mike Johnson.

Lambda Letters is a state-wide organizations which lobby on behalf of the GLBT community and it is the only onethat provides a large, consistent volume of mail to legislators on LG issues. Lobbyists meet with legislators to persuade them to support bills that are good for our community and to oppose those that are bad. Often these bills are controversial and legislators are afraid to touch them unless it is clear that the voters in their districts will not throw them out of office for doing so.

Lambda Letters meets that challenge by creating a constant flow of mail from our members and friends in legislator's districts. Last year we delivered over 47,000 such letters to elected officials. In the first three months of this year, the project has already delivered over 23,000 letters to legislators about the bills that affect our community.

Lambda Letters provides its services at no charge to anyone. We depend on the generous support of those who are able to contribute to the project. As a result, the wonderful gift from Unity Outreach/CGNIE is deeply appreciated.

Lambda Letters strives to be there for the community each and every day. We thank Unity Outreach/CGNIE for being there for us.

Sincerely,
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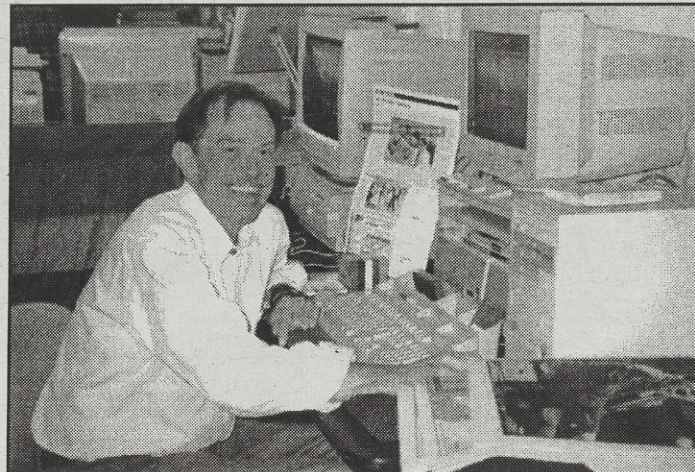
Congratulations on 20 years of publishing MGW! Saw the article in the Sacramento Bee. I know that your efforts have been acknowledged in many ways through awards and recognition, but the biggest reward may be the subtle changes that have taken place in our society over the 20 years that you have been publishing. Greater numbers of GLBT individuals can live a more honest and open life. Share in feeling a part of a larger community and be healthy, happier and productive individuals.

Thanks,
Fred Hess
Realtor

Nichols Named Associate Publisher of MGW

MGW Newspaper is pleased to announce the appointment of Lee Nichols as Associate Publisher. Nichols' responsibilities will include both editorial and business operations of the 20 year old publication.

Nichols is a CSUS professor emeritus and former chair of the Communications Studies department. He was also the country's first expressly gay radio talk show host, Press Secretary to California Governor "Pat" Brown, Chief Consultant to the State Assembly, KVIE-TV Program Manager and acting General Manager and Editor-in-Chief of *Outlook*, Mendocino county's monthly magazine of arts, leisure and politics. He has also written for *Costa Rica's Tico Times*, and for scholarly journals.



MGW Associate Publisher, Lee Nichols

"Lee is one of the best known, most respected and certainly most multi-talented people in Sacramento," according to Linda Birner, MGW Publisher, "I'm delighted he's agreed to help move MGW into our third decade."

Professor Nichols took early retirement from CSUS in 1993, moving first to San Francisco to assist with fund raising for the James Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center in the city's new main library and then on to Mendocino to edit *Outlook* magazine. While in Mendocino he also directed for the Mendocino Theatre Company. In 1997 he relocated in San Jose, Costa Rica. When his lover was killed in a traffic accident in Costa Rica, Nichols returned to Sacramento to be closer to his family and friends.

"I'd expected to spend my time writing my books," Nichols said, "but I've always found it difficult to say 'No' to Linda, so when she asked I had to accept her offer." ▼

Support Groups In San Joaquin

Dear Readers;

The Support Groups Gather Round, Emotional Support Growth Group and Stockton Connections will be meeting at the San Joaquin AIDS Foundation. Gather Round meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. This is a support group for family, friends and significant others who have tested positive for HIV. Emotional Support Growth Group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for people living with HIV. On the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Stockton Connections meets, a support/social group for gay and bisexual men.

The address for the San Joaquin AIDS Foundation is 4330 N. Pershing Ave., Suite #B-3, Stockton. Info: (209) 476-8533. The following groups no

longer meet: TLC (Lodi) on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays and Teen Support on Saturdays.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation

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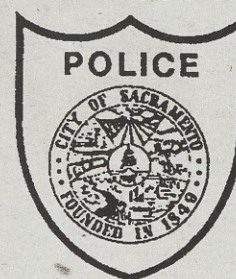
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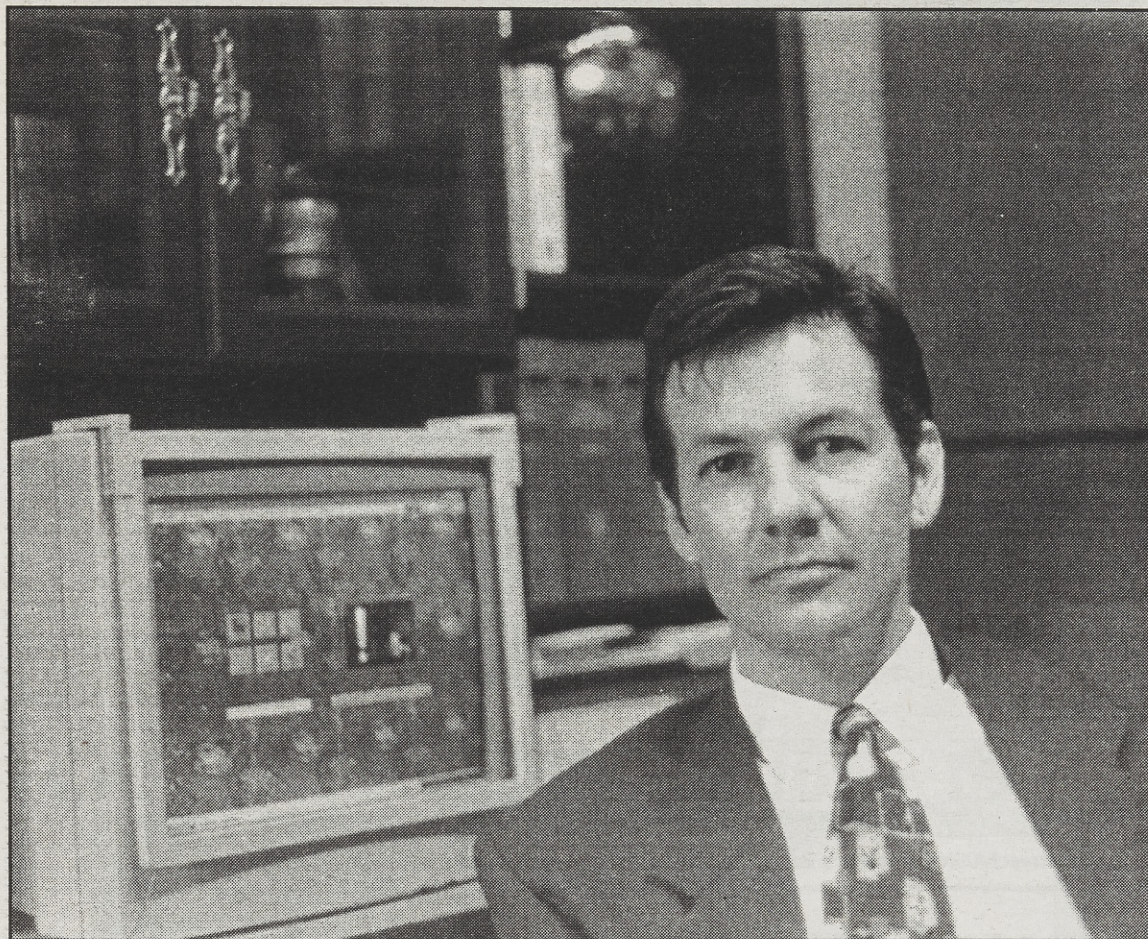
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Harned Wins Case in Federal Court



Pete Harned back to practicing personal injury law in Sacramento.

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Sex Panic! V. Sane Sex Part I: Who C.A.R.E.S.?

This is the first of a three part series on the continuing AIDS pandemic and on Sacramento's response, especially by C.A.R.E.S., a national model of how a community can—and must—deal with AIDS.

Lee Nichols
MGW/Staff

Tony Valenzuela rides bare back; that is, he has anal sex without a condom. He is HIV + and he is a spokesperson for a loosely organized national "movement" called **Sex Panic!** (Always with the ! mark). Sex Panic! members decry the blandishments of AIDS prevention groups, doctors, public health workers and such diverse gay writers Andrew Sullivan, Larry Kramer and Michelangelo Signorile. Sex Panic! shouts "To hell with safe sex," while Signorile and shouts back, "Be sane!"

Signorile, author of *Life Outside and Out in America*, was in Sacramento last month to talk about Sex Panic!. While "Titanic" was swamping the Academy Awards he was at CSUS making a speech. A couple of hundred people must have figured out how to program their VCRs to record, because the Redwood Room was full.

Young (cute) Mike Signorile is perhaps best known as the person credited (or discredited) with "inventing" outing when he corrected the national press' obituaries of Malcolm Forbes, reporting the famous publisher was widely known around Manhattan as a man who loved men.

The "outing" controversy made Signorile notorious, but the Sex Panic! debate is making him famous. Suddenly he is on the side of the angels, an unfamiliar place for the "bad boy" of American gay letters. But a logical place. University trained jour-

nalist, former "flack," and now regular columnist for *Out* magazine, Signorile is widely respected as a writer of uncommon integrity. And it is his integrity that has propelled him into conflict with Sex Panic!

In his article in the current issue of *Out*, Signorile quotes Sex Panic! member (and university professor) Douglas Crimp: "what many of us have lost is a culture of sexual possibility: back rooms, tea rooms, movie houses and baths. . ." Crimp and others hunger for the sexual abandon Michel Foucault extolled; Foucault died of AIDS.

In his CSUS lecture and in his columns, Signorile responds, "a

Closer to Home

During a recent conversation with Dr. Betty Hinton, Director of the Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services, conversation drifted to Sex Panic! Dr. Hinton opened the pages of the recently completed 15 year study of AIDS in Sacramento and called attention to page 11: *Sacramento County has a slightly younger population diagnosed with AIDS compared to California as a whole.*

"Among gays and bisexuals it is young men who are being infected," she said sadly. "Young people feel invincible and the media hype about new drug therapies allows the young to believe there is a 'cure' for AIDS. . . which, of course, there isn't...and that too often leads to unsafe sex."

A recent *Advocate* magazine poll revealed that 34% of those who volunteered answers admitted having anal sex without using a condom and an additional 17% did not use condoms with their presumably monogamous HIV-partners. Which adds up to more than half the studied population having unsafe sex.

Each month an average of 25 new HIV cases are added to the case load at Sacramento's C.A.R.E.S. (Center for AIDS Research, Education and Service), among them young men who have failed to practice the relatively simple methods of preventing infection. Of course they, along with the increasing number of infected women and IV drug users, are among the relatively fortunate because C.A.R.E.S. is uniquely equipped to provide life-saving medical, counseling, and financial services. Indeed, C.A.R.E.S. is a national model for how a community can marshal its disparate resources to battle the AIDS pandemic.

The next article in this series will explore the history of C.A.R.E.S. and examine the changing profile of its clients. ▼



Dr. Betty Hinton, C.A.R.E.S.

MGW/LINDA BIRNER

culture of unbridled, multipartner anal sex directly contributes to the ongoing epidemic; which, far from abating, is threatening more—and younger—gay men."

Deputy U.S. Attorney Nancy Simpson is a very classy woman. She has been the lead prosecutor in the case against Pete Harned, charged with possession of "child pornography." When Federal Judge Frank C. Damrel, Jr., threw out all the government's evidence at a hearing last week, Simpson gave Harned a hug.

Former Deputy D.A. Pete Harned (38), a gay man who had made it to the top as a prosecutor and who was in line for a judgeship, was arrested in July 1996 for the alleged possession of computer images of underage males. Had he been tried and convicted on each of the 19 count Federal indictment he could have been sentenced to 190 years in prison.

But Judge Frank Damrel stunned the courtroom by delivering a blistering attack on the way the Sacramento District Attorney's office and the High Tech Crime Task Force had handled the case and granted defense council Hill Snellings "Frank's Motion." Such motions call for the suppression of evidence collected when the search warrant contains "reckless or deliberate misstatements." Judge Damrel, citing U. S. Chief Justice Rhenquist, found that the affidavit supporting the warrant met the test and, therefore, none of the evidence collected could be used against Harned.

If the local U.S. Attorney is to appeal Judge Damrel's ruling per-

mission will have to be granted by Attorney General Reno's office. If they do not appeal, all charges against Harned will be dropped.

This bizarre case began in July, 1996 when Harned took his computer to Computer City for repair. A technician scanned the CD ROM disc that Harned had left in the computer—because it wouldn't play—and found what he believed to be images of underage boys engaged in sex, the High Tech Crimes Task Force was alerted, a search warrant was issued by the late Judge John Dougherty (former Sacramento County District Attorney) based on the verbal description of what the Computer City employees claimed to have seen. When Judge Dougherty demanded more detailed explanation of what "acts" were involved Officer John Landahl, who had personally seen only one (non-sexual) image claimed the Computer City technicians had seen images of masturbation.

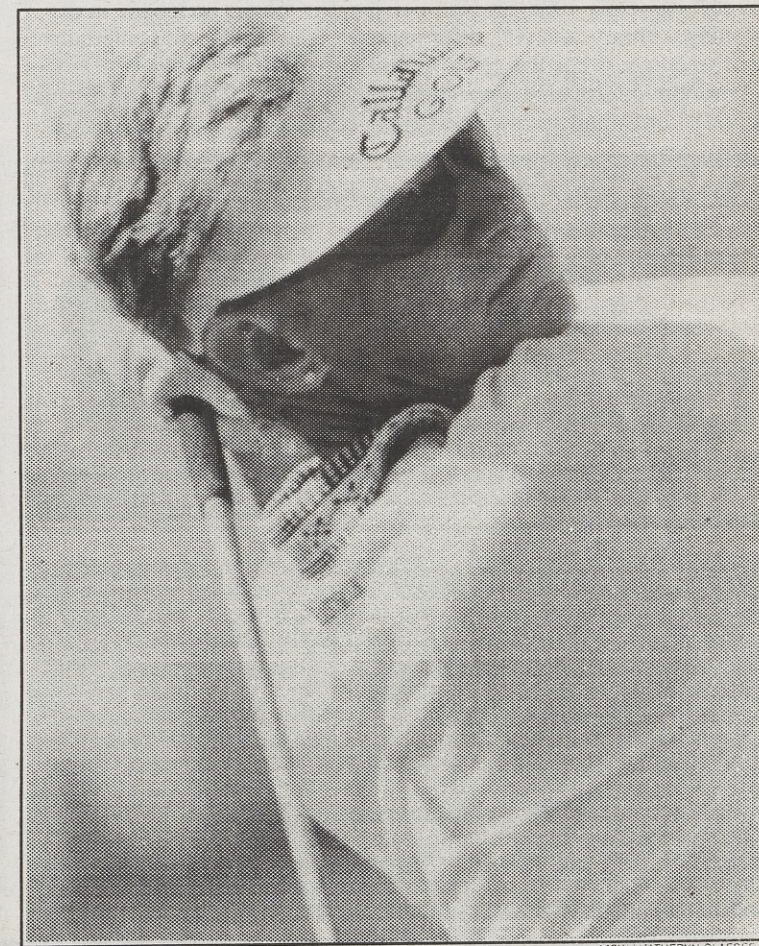
In approving the Franks motion, Judge Damrel noted that statement was false, reckless and misleading and that without that false statement the search warrant would never have been issued.

Harned, who now practices personal injury law in Sacramento, has filed a multimillion dollar civil law suit against Computer City. ▼

Golfer, Patty Sheehan Comes Out

In the March issue of *Golf World* Magazine, LPGA golfer Patty Sheehan spoke about her experiences since adopting a baby, eight months ago, with her partner Rebecca Gaston.

In a column entitled, "Bringing Up Bryce," Sheehan said "I didn't really know how well others would deal with the idea of Bryce having two moms, but I've decided if they have a problem with it, it's their problem, not mine. We have the desire to be loving and devoted mother's... Bryce knows that she's loved and wanted now."



MGW/ KATHERYN GLAESER

Patty Sheehan, Dinah Shore winner with over 35 total career wins.

Sheehan is an eighteen year veteran of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) and was inducted into the LPGA Hall of Fame in 1993. With more than 35 career titles including the Nabisco Dinah Shore title in 1996, she has twice won the U.S. Women's Open.

"I want to congratulate Patty for making the decision to be open about her sexual orientation, and especially for sharing her feelings about the process of adopting Bryce," said openly lesbian LPGA golfer Muffin Spencer-Devlin. "I am sure that Patty will find continued support from both her fans and her colleagues." ▼

LOCAL NEWS

Musicians Perform at the Third Annual Boarding for Breast Cancer

Boarding For Breast Cancer (BBC), the national snowboard / music benefit dedicated to raising awareness among American youth and funds for breast cancer research and education, announced the Foo Fighters, Moby, Royal Crown Revue and Supersuckers to perform at the 3rd annual event taking place on April 18th at Sierra-At-Tahoe.

Boarding For Breast Cancer was inspired by the late Monica Steward, a leading snowboard clothing designer. Diagnosed with breast cancer at age 28, Monica dedicated herself to raising awareness of the disease among young people, and building support for research and education in the snowboarding industry. ▼

San Diego Pride in July

Pride weekend is scheduled for July 24-26 under the motto: "Unity Through Diversity: It Begins With Us..." Applications for the summer event will be available beginning April 1. The parade has been expanded a few blocks and will be held at noon on July 25 along University Avenue in the heart of Hillcrest. The parade begins at Normal Street and continues to Sixth Avenue, then south to Ivy Lane.

The two-day festival will be held in the west end of Balboa Park at Marston Point. It will include non-stop live entertainment by well-known recording artists, plus hundreds of attractions and merchandise vendors.

Applications will be available by calling or visiting the Pride office, 3916 Normal St. 619-297-7683. email@sdpride.org. Web: http://www.sdpride.org. ▼

Jayne Rountree Commemorative Library Meeting

The Jayne Rountree Library has books and other works to preserve and document g/l/b/t heritage and history. The Library is unique in the Sacramento area. It has entered a critical period in its history. When the gay and lesbian community center opened in Sacramento a Library began with a handful of donated books. In 1990 volunteers began organizing the collection to make it accessible. The Library has grown to over 1,500 volumes which is relied on for information.

The Rountree Library Preservation Committee was formed investigate the establishment of a free standing library and archives.

There will be an "open" meeting on Sunday April 19 at 920 20th Street, #207, from 10:00am-Noon. Everyone who is interested in developing a library, archival, informational, educational, and entertainment resources is encouraged to attend.

For more information contact the Library or the Michael Bennett, at 927-9181 or E-mail:sacmwb@pacbell.net. ▼

Letters Project Able to Buy More Postage!



Unity Outreach/CGNIE "Hooker's Ball '98" raised \$475 for Lambda Letters Project, Sunday, March 29 at Faces

Mayor Brown Announces Food For Fines Amnesty Program

San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. announced that the San Francisco Public Library will sponsor a two week amnesty program, *Food for Fines*, from April 19 to May 2. During this period, patrons can return overdue library materials including books, videos, compact discs and periodicals along with a non-perishable food donation for the San Francisco Food Bank, in exchange for paying their overdue fines. Fines will be waived for overdue materials *only* during the two week fine amnesty period, when books can be returned to the Main Library or to any of the 26 branches. Damaged or mildewed materials are not eligible for the fine amnesty.

Non-perishable food that is collected during the *Food for Fines* program will go to the San Francisco Food Bank, which distributed over 10 million pounds of food last year. The Food Bank's member agencies include over 350 community centers, soup kitchens, AIDS support programs, food pantries, shelters, senior programs and child care centers. ▼

University Develops Criteria for Domestic Partner Medical Benefits

The Office of the President of the University of California is proceeding with plans to develop criteria for an open enrollment plan for same-sex domestic partners/tax dependent adults medical benefits subject to HEERA requirements. The Open enrollment period is planned for May 4-22. Members of the faculty and staff who meet the HEERA requirements would receive medical benefits effective July 1.

Growing numbers of business and local governments have joined in offering medical benefits to domestic partners in long term relationships. Statistics are beginning to show the positive effects on the business that provide non-discriminatory benefit packages to their employees. ▼

Anti-Rape Coalition Seeks Personal Stories

The lesbian Caucus of the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CalCASA) is looking for personal stories from survivors of same-sex rape, sexual assault or harassment and domestic violence as a part of their development of resources for survivors, rape crisis centers and other professionals who work with survivors of same-sex violence. Stories should be a maximum of 150 words.

A pseudonym will be assigned to each story in order to maintain the confidentiality of its author. Stories can be mailed to: Susan Mooney, CalCASA Rape Prevention Resource Center, 1611 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 1515, Oakland, CA 94612. Info (510) 839-8825 ▼

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Court Upholds Right to Work Employees with HIV win Protection

A California appeals court affirmed the right of people who seek disability payments after losing a job to challenge the firing as discriminatory. The court found a person with HIV who applies for disability benefits is still protected by California's Fair Employment and Housing Act prohibiting employment discrimination.

In *Bell v. Wells Fargo Bank*, the court ruled that Andrew Bell, an HIV positive man who worked for Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco, could pursue an anti-discrimination lawsuit against his former employer even though he had applied for disability benefits.

Wells Fargo had allowed Bell to keep his job and health benefits permitting him to work a four-day week, one from home via telecommunications. Under the arrangement Bell not only did well but received a promotion to vice-president.

After a change in Wells Fargo management the new management terminated that arrangement. ▼

Tinkering with Tyranny

Since "Don't ask, Don't tell" became the alleged policy of the U.S. Military the number of discharges of gays and lesbians has increased 67%. In 1994, 597 service members were discharged, in 1995 the number swelled to 722, the next year 850 were thrown out, and last year just short of one thousand servicemen and women lost their right to serve their country, not for what they did, but for who they are.

Secretary of Defense William Cohen has responded to this evidence of the failure of the policy by tinkering with the rules because, as he said, some commanders "haven't gotten the word." The new rules require commanding

officers to check with higher authority before launching an investigation of alleged homosexuality, investigators and military lawyers are to be trained to administer the policy, people making false claims may be punished for sexual harassment, military courts will be prohibited from making "deals" with personnel who agree to "blow the whistle" on other lesbians and gays, and the services are supposed to stop investigating men and women who voluntarily "tell" superiors they are gay.

The only one of these policies that offers reason for hope is the threat that servicemen who label as "lesbian" servicewomen who rejected their sexual propositions

may now face charges of sexual harassment. The others are unlikely to deter commanding officers from the continuing effort to purge gays and lesbians from the armed services.

When the military, under orders from Cohen, reviewed its "don't ask, don't tell" policy and practices it admitted that in three cases the policy had been violated.

David Smith of the national Human Rights Campaign called this admission and the new orders from Cohen, a "modicum of something positive," but that the military is still trying to "cover up the fact that these witch hunts are still occurring." ▼

CAP/PAC Kick-off for June 13



California Capitol Political Action Committee held a reception at the Hartley House to raise money to support candidates who support G/L issues. Dennis Mangers and Supervisor, Ila Collins were among the guests present. The next reception will be April 22, for RSVP call Rand Martin, 736-2722. CAP/PAC's tenth anniversary will be celebrated June 13 at the Radisson Hotel.

Opinion

Okayforan?

I like to think of myself as a person who is not prejudice against others. I recently found I am prejudice against "Okayforan's" after I was mistaken for one. Many of you may have also had the same happen to you. Okayforan's are of any race, sex, or nationality and often happen to be of a minority.

Last week I was referred to three times in one day as an Okayforan. I didn't really give it much thought or attention at the time, but the next morning driving to work I heard the DJ refer to a musician as an Okayforan. When I arrived at the newspaper I proceeded to express to my co-workers how many Okayforan's there appear to be and how often someone is mistakenly addressed as one.

How often have you heard or said he's "okay for a" or she's "okay for a"? Well, I personally, don't consider the statement a compliment but rather insulting.

If you are one of those who use the preface when speaking of someone, next time think about it, maybe they are just, Okay.

But then that's just my opinion. ▼



Ron Christ

Vice Squad Visits Local Parks

During the first two weeks of April, 11 men were arrested by Vice squad stings at Sacramento area parks. The crackdown coincided with the arrival of warmer weather which, according to the police, leads to increases in "public sex."

The undercover operation focused on the American River Parkway, Miller Park Marina and William Land Park. DelPaso/

Renfree Park in the east area and Stanford and Grant parks downtown will also be watched, according to the announcement from the Sacramento Police Department. The operation is the result of reports of unlawful acts taking place in the public restrooms. The suspects, most of them men, were cited, released and ordered to appear in court.

In the opinion of this writer, Men Seeking Men would be wise to use MGW classifieds or Voice Personals. ▼

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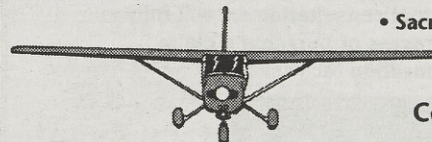
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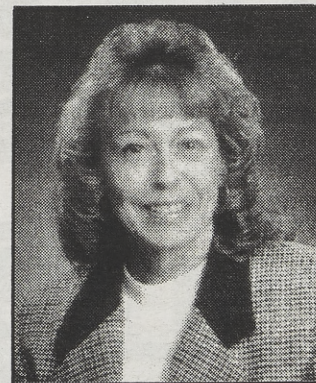


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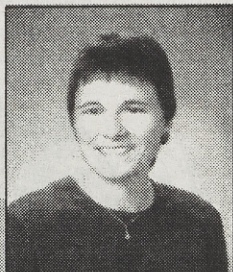


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MEDIA WATCH

"Castro" documentary, "Ellen," Grab Peabody Honors

Both ABC's *Ellen* and San Francisco public television station KQED's documentary *The Castro*, garnered the George Foster Peabody Award. The University of Georgia announced the winners of the broadcast and cable industries' award, noting that *Ellen*'s "Puppy Episode" was a landmark moment in television history notable not only for the frequent laughter the situation provoked but also for portraying the importance of tenderness and caring to all relationships.

"The Castro" was hailed "as an informative, unusual and provocative look at San Francisco's Castro District that reveals how one neighborhood became the cornerstone for a social and political movement." Info: (202)-986-1360. ▼

Coretta Scott King Appeals for Justice

Coretta Scott King told a Chicago audience that her slain husband's memory demanded a strong stand for equal rights for lesbians and gay men.

"I still hear people say that I should not be talking about the rights of lesbian and gay people and I should stick to the issue of racial justice," King said. "I hasten to remind them that Martin Luther King, Jr. said, 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.'"

Appealing for everyone to "make room at the table" for their brothers and sisters who are GLBT, King noted that lesbians and gay men stood up for civil rights in Montgomery and Selma Alabama as well as other campaigns. She saluted those who fought "for my freedom at a time when they could find few voices for their own." Info: Len Cothren (Assistant to Mrs. King at the MLK, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change) at (404) 526-8900 ext. 8883 ▼

National Day of Silence Unites Campuses

Thousands of supporters of equal rights for GLBT people from more than 100 high schools, colleges and universities observed a nine-hour vow of silence to draw attention to the silence that homophobia causes. Instead of speaking, participants hand out cards stating, "People who are silent today believe that laws and attitudes should be inclusive of people of all sexual orientations. The Day of Silence is to draw attention to those who have been silenced by hatred oppression and prejudice. What can you do to end the silence?" National Day of Silence Co-chair Maria Pulzetti notes, "The Strength in this event lies in the fact that it fills a real need for solidarity among youth concerned about GLBT rights. The National Day of Silence is the only national event created and organized by youth. The collective statement we make is staggering." Info: (202) 347-5700 ▼

Tour Celebrates Lesbian and Gay Families

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) kicked off a 15-city tour entitled, "Celebrating Our Families: The NGLTF Families Tour," to implement strategies to combat the increasing right-wing attacks on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender families. The tour began March 26 in Toledo, Ohio and will last through the summer. NGLTF will co-host town forums with state and local groups focusing on the 40 current gay or HIV/AIDS-related state legislative bills it considers "hostile," over half relate to family issues.

"More than ever before, we will focus on the areas of parenting, custody, adoption and foster care, domestic partnership, and work for the domestic partnership, and schools," said NGLTF Executive Director Kerry Lobel. "We will continue to work for the day when our families will be afforded the same rights and sense of security which our friends and neighbors enjoy." Info: (202) 332-6483, ext. 3303. ▼

Oklahoma eyes law banning G/L Adoptions

Gays and lesbians will not be allowed to adopt or be allowed to work in schools, if Oklahoma lawmakers succeed in passing new legislation pointing at GLBT parents, teachers, school workers and their families.

An amendment attached to a current bill intended to prevent sex offenders from working in school related jobs would also ban GLBT from those same jobs. The measure would also ban g/l from adopting children.

Both amendments were added during deliberation on the house floor and both attempt to draw a connection between sex offenders and GLBT. Info: (405)850-2219 ▼

Outraged at Reggie White

Green Bay Packers player Reggie White delivered a speech before the Wisconsin State Legislature, where he accused the United States of "going away from God" by "allowing homosexuality to run rampant," calling homosexuality "a decision" and applauded various races for their "gifts" based upon stereotypical traits.

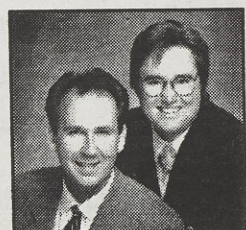
Openly gay ex-Green Bay Packer Dave Kopay claimed he was "absolutely appalled that someone of White's stature would be so insensitive to a group that has faced so much discrimination and bigotry."

Joan M. Garry, Executive Director, of GLAAD said, "White's stardom gives him influence over youth and adult fans. I am shocked that he would use his voice in such a damaging manner. White's assertion that being lesbian or gay is a malicious 'lifestyle' akin to dishonesty and cruelty is factually inaccurate."

In addition to demanding an apology, those that wish should call the Green Bay Packers and the NFL to voice their concern. ▼

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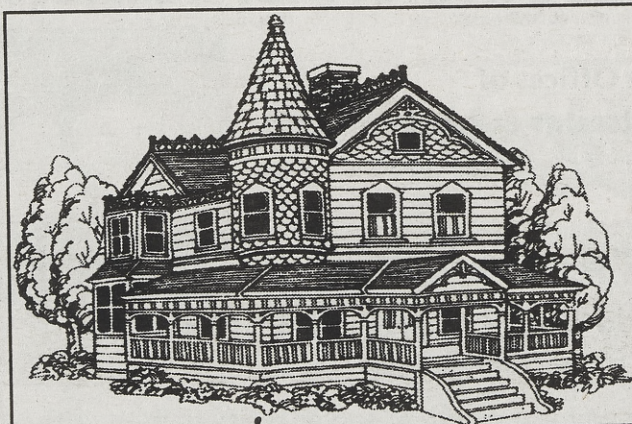
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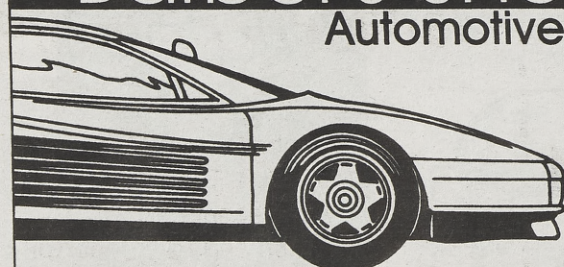
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NATIONAL NEWS

Film released on gay issues

Despite right-wing efforts to disrupt the distribution of *It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School*, the film's producers are stepping up their outreach efforts with the release of an education training version of the groundbreaking film. The 37-minute version is designed for workshops, staff training sessions, PTA meetings, or other forums where there is not enough time to show the full-length documentary.

Directed by Academy Award winner Debra Chasnoff, *It's Elementary* is a unique resource for educators and other adults. The video is a window into what teachers address with their students ways. With moving and independent the film takes view-eighth grade class-young students topic that often tied.

We have been in- from schools and realizing that they must deal with anti-gay prejudice if they are serious about supporting ALL of the children in their care," says Chasnoff. Chasnoff and co-producer Helen Cohen expect the training version to peak a new wave of interest in their film. +The training version will allow educators with limited time to explore this charged topic with time left over to discuss and debate how they want to handle the issues in their own school communities," adds Cohen.

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Circus Celebration Raises the Roof for Fundraising Party

Men's Associated Exchange (MAX) will bring the circus to town for their tenth anniversary. The world's largest gay men's social organization will host a circus-theme birthday bash, complete with clowns, acrobats and magicians. The gala will be held Saturday, April 25, 1998, from 8pm to Midnight, at the Center for the Arts at Yerba Buena Gardens in San Francisco. The event, called "Over the Top," will also culminate MAX's six-month fund-raising drive to build the new GLBT public community center.

Entertainment includes vocalist Christian Nova performing selections of his favorite show tunes and cabaret classics, the acapella stylings of The Kinsey Sicks and the Big Band sounds of Gail Wilson and City Swing. The event will also include a bazaar and silent auction.

Tickets for the fun are \$75 per person and can be purchased at the Center for the Arts box office or by calling 415-978-2787. ▼

Students Sue Salt Lake City School Board

A Utah student club East High School Gay/Straight Alliance and four civil rights organizations filed a lawsuit against the Salt Lake City Board of Education.

The lawsuit charges that the Board violated the Federal Equal Access Act by banning some non-curricular clubs and allowing others to meet, though only curricular clubs are allowed.

"Under the law, equal access is required whether students want to study the Bible or form an alliance to fight anti-gay bigotry. ▼

Hawaii Group in Hot Lava Over Contributions

The March 9 edition of the Pacific Business News, the Hawaii State Campaign Spending Commission is investigating the anti-gay group Save Traditional Marriage (STM) for violations of campaign contribution law. Most of the alleged wrongdoing stems from a fundraising event featuring a workshop and dinner with Stephen Covey, author of "Seven Habits of Highly Successful People." The fees paid by attendees, ranging from \$110-\$1,000, all went directly to STM, making attendees public supporters of the group. The representative from the Australian consulate stated, "We didn't realize the money would be going to Save Traditional Marriage." According to Hawaii law, foreign contributions to political organizations are illegal. STM has already turned over the contribution and may be fined. STM failed to report the in-kind donation of Covey's services even though his usual rate for a related event is \$60,000. Info: David Smith (Human Rights Campaign) at 202-628-4160. ▼

Youth Coming Out Earlier

A survey of 2,000 young people by "Out Proud," the National Coalition GLBT Youth, and Oasis Magazine showed youth first realized their sexual orientation at age 12 and are telling friends and family for the first time by age 16. The survey found that they tell their best friend first and the response is overwhelmingly positive. 63% reported that one or more times they had been "verbally insulted because they are, or are thought to be, queer." Also, a shocking 68% have seriously thought about committing suicide, and 40% of those who had, depended on support found on the Internet for someone to talk to. Regarding the future, 78% see themselves eventually in a committed relationship and over 50% hope to have children and marry someone of the same gender. Info: <http://www.oasismag.com/survey>. ▼

Latina/o Changes Name

The Board of Directors of LLEGO, the national organization representing the Latina/o LGBT communities, voted in new. Formerly known as The National Latino/a Lesbian & Gay Organization, the new name is now The National Latina/o LGBT Organization.

"We are now the first national organization in the US and Puerto Rico to include all of our community's diversity in our name," said Martin Ornelas-Quintero, Executive Director. Info: 202-466-8240, www.llego.org. ▼

Magazine Praises Restaurants

The most lesbian-friendly restaurants in the U.S. are located in Atlanta, Syracuse and Providence according to a recent article in *Girlfriends* magazine. The publication printed results of a survey conducted by 52 reviewers visiting 200 restaurants. Restaurants were judged on the basis of cuisine, atmosphere, and commitment to the community. Top honors went to Atlanta's *Agnes and Muriel's*, while Syracuse's *Tu Tu Venue* and Providence's *Lucy's* were also mentioned in the top ten. Additional awards went to San Francisco's *Chai House*, touted for Best Restaurant for Xena-Watching, and New York's *Rubyfruit Bar & Grill* for Best Place to be "Scene." ▼

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Three Tall Women An Examination of Aging

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Susan Corzatte does not seem to be playing a part here. Instead, she seems to slip inside the bitter, old woman's wrinkled skin. Her highly nuanced performance reveals, with both subtle delicacy and blistering resentment and suspicion, the complexity of a life lived long, but not well.

Those who love character pieces will thoroughly enjoy "Three Tall Women", playing through April 19 at the Sacramento Theatre Company.

In the first act, Corzatte plays the old woman, while Victoria Thompson plays her middle-aged companion and Jennifer Seifert plays a young attorney sent to help the old lady sort out her affairs.

In the second act, Thompson and Seifert play the old woman's



Victoria Thompson, Susan Corzatte and Jennifer Seifert in Three Tall Women.

younger selves as the script flashes back in time to reveal the events that have embittered her. At the end of the first act, she suffers a stroke, one she will probably not survive. While lying comatose, her still-conscious mind struggles to come to terms with the tragedy of her life, the cold, lonely marriage and the estrangement from the son who now sits at her side.

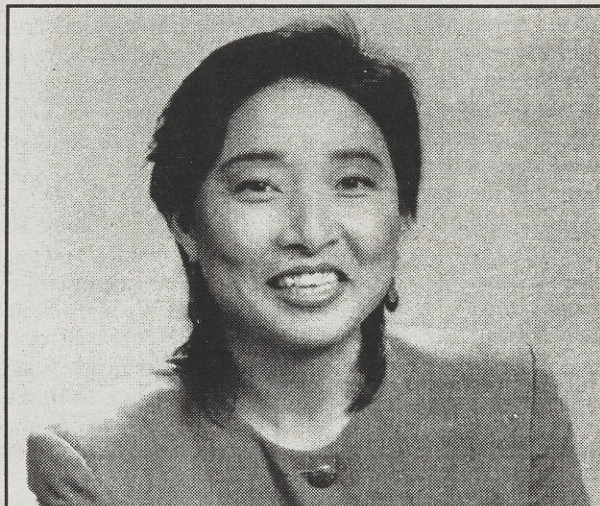
Does she find a way to reconcile with him?

Of Corzatte's two co-stars, Thompson is the more convincing, emanating a palpable aura of brittle cynicism. Seifert uses convincing body language as the younger version of the old woman, but she loses some of the subtlety she could have had by projecting her voice too loudly.

STC's Artistic Director Stephen Rothman has taken the helm as director for this play, which he said he has wanted to present since he first read it. Rothman proves once again he has an unerring eye for picking leading ladies with his choice of Corzatte.

Tickets run \$13 to \$28 and can be ordered from the box office at 443-6722. Sacramento Theatre Company is at 1419 H St. ▼

Final Program of 1997-98 Season



Artistic Director Apo Hsu will lead the Women's Philharmonic in the final program of the season, Saturday, May 2 at San Francisco's Herbst Theatre. The program will include Judith Weir's *Heroic Strokes of the Bow*, Peggy Glaville-Hicks *Sinfonia da Pacifica*. Ticket are \$20-\$35. Info: (415)392-4400 ▼

A Lesbian Theatre Opens In L.A.

Sixteen original lesbian one-acts premiered last summer as part of Celebration Theatre's Second Annual Lesbian Playwrights Festival. Two of these plays, *Valsetz* by Pamela Forrest and *Conversations with Lola* by Patti R. Miller, went on to win Dramalogue Awards and accolades from critics as well as audiences. The LA WEEKLY voted the production the Pick of the Week as well as one of the best of 1997, saying "...this pair of one-acts was the sharpest, freshest and best-acted seen in years.

The theatre is named in honor of Ivy Bottini, one of the lesbian community's real heriones. Activist, artist, and actor Ivy has inspired two generations with her heart, her hope and her humanity.

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Shannon died on Palm Sunday morning, just as the dawn was breaking and the sound of birds began to fill the air. Joe was at his side, of course, as he has been for so many years with this man of fortitude, whose passing leaves a space in many lives. Shannon was 43 at the time of his death and had lived in Sacramento since his late teens. He is also survived by his mother Sara Dingus of Kentucky and his aunt Alice Littleton of Florida.

He loved politics. He was first elected to the North Highlands parks board when he was in his early 20's. His bright mind and ability to focus on the whole picture led him to become a driving force on the North Sacramento school board. Originally elected in November 1990, he was re-elected in 1994, and served as its president three times during his tenure.

Current school board president Linda Fowler praised him as a tremendous leader. "It's going to be a very big loss to our district," she said.

Joe and Shannon learned, eight months ago, that he was suffering from lymphoma. But Shannon remained active on the school board until last month, when he became too ill to continue.

He was a man with the strength of his convictions, and was never hesitant to discuss his specific concerns with an issue, even when his was the lone voice doing so. Those watching him in action as he took up the interests of Sacramento students praised his keen ability to listen, and willingness to collaborate with others. He was a major force behind the passage of the district's \$20 million bond last November.

His interests went beyond the school board. He was an avid reader, especially enjoying autobiographies and works about history and politics. He worked as a paralegal for 17 years and as a travel agent in Sacramento for the past five.

But his partner Joe said the school board was the central focus of his life. "One of the most important things he achieved in life was to be a board member, and to do it successfully," he said.

Just before he died, Joe and the couple's close friend Caren Kauderer joined Shannon for a walk along the beach in southern California, a place of beauty that Shannon wanted to experience once more.

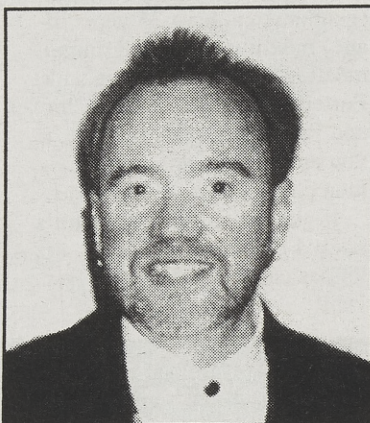
Along with school board president Linda and their friend Caren, Tom Lane also spoke to those gathered at the memorial service, reminding us of the fun times that were such an important part of the memories left behind for us. Shannon was a moving force in Sacramento, and he will be missed. ▼

Steven Lynn Smith

Steven Lynn Smith, award-winning broadcaster and president of the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles, died April 6 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Smith, 38, committed suicide.

Smith was a recipient of 10 Golden Mikes, 10 Greater Los Angeles Press Club Awards, four National Editorial Excellence Awards, and the National Commendation from American Women in Radio and Television among other awards. Smith joined the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles in 1989 and was elected president last year.

A native of Chico, Smith is survived by his parents, Les and Hazel Smith of Stevensville, Mont.; a brother, Greg of Denver; and a sister, Cindy Smith-Putnam of Idaho Falls, Idaho. ▼



Shannon Davis

Bella Abzug - 1920-1998: A BRIEF ENCOUNTER

Lee Nichols

"Women have been trained to speak softly and carry a lipstick."
Bella Abzug

What struck me first about Bella Abzug was her hat; literally. She ran into me at a party during the 1980 Democratic convention in New York and impaled me with the brim of her enormous hat, tipped her head back making room for me under its broad brim. "I'm Bella," she boomed, her nose inches from mine. "Lee," I whispered self-consciously. I mean, it would have taken more cool than I've ever had to chat casually with the famous former-Congresswoman, bulldozing conscience of the Democratic party, co-founder of the National Women's Political Caucus, anti-war activist and voice for gay and lesbian equality...even if Ted Kennedy hadn't been watching us...and me practically wearing her hat.

The party was being held at the apartment of old Joe Kennedy's physician, who, to my eternal surprise, was a *flamer*! I mean, nobody, but nobody, could have missed the clues. Which may explain why Ted Kennedy isn't freaked out by gays or lesbians.

The party was an "invitation only" affair for members of the lesbian and gay caucus at the Democratic convention. (I was covering the event for KFBK radio but I borrowed a Delegate badge and crashed the bash.) For the first half-hour I skulked around the edge of the crowd, hoping Virginia Apuzzo wouldn't out me as a reporter. Then I ran into Bella. No, then she ran into me.

"You gay?" Bella demanded, bathing me in her moist breath.

"Yes," I mumbled.

"You guys are gonna make it," she announced, gesturing toward the crowd...and knocking a glass of wine from the hand of a cute gay man as she did. "But you've got to learn the rules. Rule one: politicians want your votes... make the bastards deliver."

"What are the other rules?"

"There are NO OTHER RULES!"

Bella Abzug died April 2, leaving behind a path she bulldozed, a path which will one day lead to full equality for every lesbian and gay man. We are the poorer for her passing, but far, far richer because of her life. ▼



Bella Abzug - 1920-1998

Domestic Violence on the Rise

There is a serious Cancer spreading to L/G couples. Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is this secret disease. The California Coalition Against Sexual (CalCASA) Lesbian Caucus has set a two year goal to research same-sex violence (both sexual assault and domestic violence).

They need survivor stories from anyone who has been in, is escaping from, or who is currently in an abusive same-sex relationship to voluntarily share their story. All names and identifying information will be kept totally confidential, and records will be destroyed after statistics are compiled.

If you would like to participate in this important study, contact Susan Mooney at CalCASA, 1611 Telegraph Ave., Suite 1515, Oakland, (888) 922-5227, Fax (510) 839-3110. If you are in need of support in

regards to violence in your relationship, Women Escaping a Violent Environment (WEAVE) has support group every Thursday evening at 6 pm designed for same-sex partners in abusive relationships.

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HIV Newsline

Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

Rapid test gets federal approval...

Use of the new HIV test that gives results in about 10 minutes instead of 10 days later is being officially recommended by the Centers for Disease Control to address the test's major flaw — nationally, about 700,000 people a year never return to find out their test results. And since most tests are anonymous, there's no way to follow up. Both tests look for antibodies in the blood rather than the virus itself. The 10-day test is nearly 100 percent accurate, the new test is not — it's projected that as many as 8,000 people annually will initially get a false-positive reading, and need the results verified by the 10-day test. (A negative test result is considered accurate.) The new test will cost \$10 to \$25. The traditional one is available at most public clinics for free. ▼

Medical records seized...

San Jose police recently arrested the director of Santa Clara County's only cannabis club, charging him with selling pot to a person without a physician's recommendation. They then returned, and seized the medical records of the 270 members of the club and began calling their physicians to determine whether marijuana had actually been recommended. The district attorney's office assured protesting members of the AIDS community that details of the records will not be released — they say their investigators are just checking to assure that state law has been followed. About 175 club clients plan a class action suit, saying the raid violated their medical confidentiality, that no one should have access to their records without their approval. Federal prosecutors have been putting increasing pressure on this nature on California's pot clubs, saying marijuana is illegal under federal law, and on state officials trying to adhere to the voters' wishes to provide the drug to people needing it for medical purposes. ▼

Official backs needle program...

The White House spokesperson on National AIDS Policy has publicly contradicted the Clinton administration and endorsed needle exchange programs as an effective way to combat the spread of the virus. Sandra Thurman says scientific evidence shows that handing out sterile needles to IV drug users works and does not promote illegal drug use. She says that 33 Americans contract HIV daily due to injection drug use and that the infected people "might not have been imperiled had local communities been given the support to implement needle-exchange programs." Thurman has been lobbying Health Secretary Donna Shalala to allow the use of federal funds for local needle-exchange programs. Barry McCaffrey, head of the White House Office of National Drug Policy, opposes them, arguing that they encourage drug abuse. ▼

Keys to AIDS vaccine studied...

Noted virologist Jay Levy from UC-San Francisco reported to the recent San Francisco AIDS Conference that a protein found in certain cells of long-term HIV survivors could lead to the development of an effective vaccine. Some people, he says, have CD8 cells that appear to block the virus from reproducing, and which protect other cells from becoming infected. Everyone has these cells, but for some reason the immune system only recognizes them in a small number of individuals. These cells produce a protein that could someday hopefully be manufactured and used in a vaccine.

In addition, he noted studies with 70 people who have been exposed to the virus hundreds of times but have remained uninfected. Levy believes that the individuals were subjected to a tiny amount of the virus at initial exposure, triggering a protective cell response rather than an antibody response, much as a vaccination does. Subsequent exposure to HIV has the effect of a booster shot, providing further protection against the virus. He hopes studies on this unique immune response can eventually serve as a model for future vaccines. ▼

Wait on protease drugs, says researcher

At the National AIDS Conference, Dr. Jay Levy also suggested that the triple-drug therapies now prescribed even to healthy people newly infected may actually harm the body's own ability to fight the disease. In the past year or so, people have typically been started on them as soon as they learn they are infected. Levy says physicians should be cautious about the triple cocktails that have been shown to prolong and enhance the lives of many infected with the HIV virus, and that prescribing them to healthy people might compromise the body's natural immune system, which in some people appears to block or at least hold the infection. He suggests physicians wait until a person's T-cell count is below 350, and their viral load is more than 30,000 before beginning protease therapy. These numbers, he says, are a good estimate of the time when the body's natural immune system can no longer handle the virus. Additionally, the drugs are toxic, he reminded conference attendees, and can lead to resistance to the medications, and create resistant forms of the virus. ▼

Justices try to define disabilities...

A woman's effort to file a discrimination suit is resulting in a need to redefine what constitutes a disability. This is the first case involving AIDS discrimination and the definition of disability to be heard by the Supreme Court. The decision is expected by late June, and will affect millions of people with conditions such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and others that restrict their lives, but do not always incapacitate them. The debate began when a healthy Maine woman with HIV said she was told by her dentist in the fall of 1994 that he would fill her cavity only in a hospital setting. She claimed this constituted a breach of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The act currently applies only to people with an AIDS diagnosis. HIV—without an AIDS diagnosis—is not defined as a disability. The woman argues that she meets the definition of disability since she cannot have children without taking a chance that she might

Study Sheds Light on Female Sexual Orientation

A new study of indicating possible physiological differences between lesbians and heterosexual women shed light on the origins of sexual orientation. The study, conducted by researchers at the University of Texas, Austin, found that the inner ear of lesbians works more like that of men. The difference was detected using a test on the cochlea, a key sound amplifier in the inner ear.

The test measures a very slight sound that the cochlea makes when responding to a soft clicking in a quiet room. The cochlea amplifier is more sensitive in women than in men, which means women are better able to detect very soft sounds. The study showed lesbians' click responses were significantly weaker than those of straight women. The signal was weaker still for all males both gay and straight. Bisexual men and women were in the middle. Researchers suggested the difference may be connected to exposure to low levels of male hormones while in the womb. Such hormones are present in all pregnant women.

Other scientific research into the origins of sexuality have looked at differences between gay and straight males. They have found that two parts of the male brain are different in gay men and that some genes differ between gay and straight men. ▼

transmit the virus to them, and therefore her HIV infection is a "physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities," the current basis for a disability. She says the ability to reproduce is a major life activity affected by her infection. The dentist said he is not opposed to treating HIV-positive individuals, but believes that "HIV is a significant risk in the health-care setting." The American Dental Association has filed legal papers requesting that part of the disposition of this case include the Supreme Court's clarification of "risk." The organization's current position is that dentists should treat HIV-infected individuals with "dignity and compassion," and the dentist says he did this. ▼

Safe sex information not getting to Brighton men...

A survey conducted among 1,200 gay and bisexual men in Brighton, one of Britain's largest gay areas, indicates that many there still do not practice safe sex. Brighton's HIV rate has increased at 12 times the national average. The survey found that one in three sexual acts is unsafe, and that one in four gay men did not know or even ask about the HIV status of their partners. AIDS activists claim that most anti-HIV spending is now targeting at-risk groups other than gay men, despite the increased incidence among the gay population. ▼

Invasive procedures, may increase transmission risk...

The London School of Hygiene and other researchers in a collaborative study recently suggested that invasive procedures such as amniocentesis should be avoided by HIV-positive pregnant women in order to reduce the risk of HIV transmission from mom to fetus. The study examined 434 children born to HIV-infected mothers who became pregnant before the recent use of AZT to fight potential transmission. Evaluation of the risk factors in the infants who contracted the virus indicated that both an advanced level of HIV in the mom's body, plus third trimester amniocentesis were associated with increased risk of HIV transmission. ▼

Drug costs increase significantly...


The overall cost of drug therapy for HIV-positive people more than doubled between 1995 and 1996 according to studies done by the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. The researchers found that average monthly drug costs rose to \$1,048 from \$447, due largely to the expanded use of combination therapy involving protease inhibitors. The researchers noted that these results emphasized the importance of patient adherence to the drug regimen. These very expensive drugs work only when taken precisely as prescribed. ▼

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In 1973, Timothy the Great waded into San Francisco Bay, held aloft a sword and proclaimed that all counties north of the bay as territory of the Court of the Great Northern Imperial Empire (CGNIE). That sword has been handed down to all succeeding Emperors and the Court has, over the quarter century, been the most enduring organization of the community, and has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for gay and lesbian groups.

On April 25 Empress Danielle XXIV ends her reign and CGNIE will hold the Coronation of her successor. The entire community is invited to join in the celebration at Turn Verein Hall.

The idea for a gay court began in central Europe in the 1840's in an effort to "encourage" governments to grant some rights to gay people. The gay courts of the United States began, not in San Francisco, but in Seattle. About 38 years ago, Seattle was almost leveled by a horrible fire. The area hardest hit was the gay ghetto. Kings County refused any aid to the gay families that had lost everything so the gay community was forced to raise its own relief funds. The County refused to allow this until the organizers came to a County Commission meeting to name their officers. Rather than submit to this order, and to embarrass the County, the group proclaimed it was led by an Empress and her Privy Council and the Court in America was born.

In 1991, during the Second Dynasty, Emperor Terry Sidie XIII completed the task of making CGNIE a California corporation assuring a healthy financial future of the Empire. During the Third Dynasty Chico and Redding were granted independence and the right to form their own Empires.

The Great Northern Empire is not all fun and finery; it is also serious and powerful organization. For example, during the reign of the Emperor Douglas IX, Sacramento County Sheriff Dwane Lowe defied the US Supreme Court and announced, "I'll never hire a faggot to work for my Sheriff's Department." His words led the Emperor to direct his Leather Mistresses, Kate and Carol, to organize the greatest voter registration drive in the history of California. In three weeks, the Empire signed up 1,500 new voters and Sheriff Lowe lost his reelection by 992 votes. This first flexing of gay electoral power led to the foundation of the River City Democratic Club.

For a quarter century while "suits" and "blouses" debated assimilation versus activism, CGNIE raised money and worked to secure gay rights. ▼

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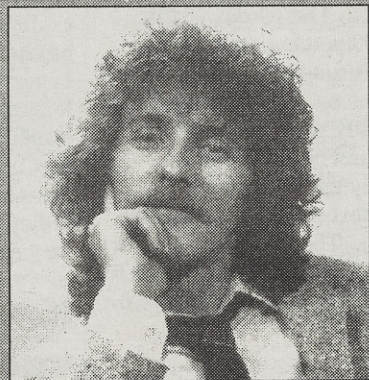
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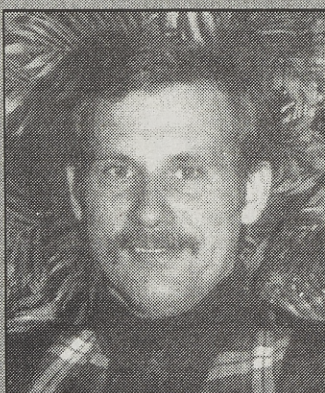
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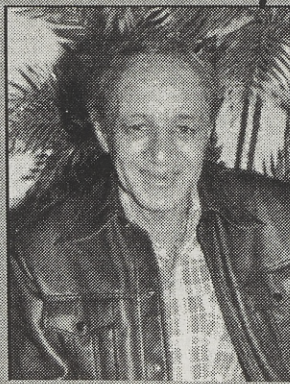
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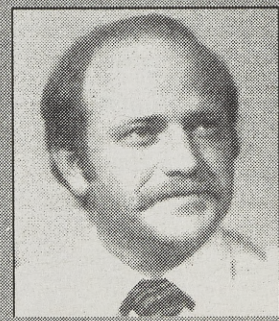
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Even Grumpier Old Men

by Stefan Grünwedel
MGW/Staff

Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple II*. Starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau. Directed by Howard Deutsch. (97 min.)

Part nostalgia trip and plot rehash, *Neil Simon's The Odd Couple II* puts Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau (now in their seventies) in the roles they made famous thirty years ago in the original *The Odd Couple* (based on Neil Simon's Broadway hit) and allows them to meander through a story that's so slow-paced and unfunny, it's pitiful. Simon should be forced to forfeit the Tony award he won for that play back in 1965.

On the surface, nothing has changed in three decades. Felix Unger (Lemmon) is the same neatnik he's always been, only now more obsessive about it. Oscar Madison (Matthau) is the same grumpy guy as ever, only now more vicious about it.

In a ridiculous plot that is the film's beginning and undoing, Oscar's son announces that he's marrying Felix's daughter, and both fathers are invited to the wedding in California. The problem is, they haven't seen each other in years and aren't really on speaking terms. They meet at LAX (where Felix flew in from New York and Oscar from Sarasota, Florida) and then drive together to "San Malina," a rural town in the Central Valley.

What began thirty years ago as a comic combination of two unlikely roommates ends up as a series of tired gags in the guise of a road movie.

Far from the East Coast, this

quarreling, mishap-prone couple is out of its element altogether. Along the seemingly easy journey, they confuse San Malina with all the other "San" names of cities in

California; quickly get lost and end up on some anonymous country road; total their rental car; lose some luggage; get dumped on by a low-flying crop duster; inadvertently involve themselves with an illegal-immigrant smuggling operation; and flirt with two bar gals ("a couple of middle-aged bik-

ers") who hide the fact that they've got jealous-prone boy-friends.

The local sheriff who keeps seeing them appear in his office as a result of their adventures finally gives them a police escort to the local airport so they'll finally be out of his (thinning) hair.

If these shenanigans were any dumber, you might think Mel Brooks wrote the script.

By the time they finally arrive at the wedding, you don't care about the characters anymore, least of all the marrying youngsters. The sentimentality that permeates the ending is overbearing and unnecessary, because the film has already lost all its momentum.

This sequel is so disappointing because the original material was so good. It's difficult to see how Simon could have screwed up his own creation so much. Even the television series was funnier.

Here and there are echoes of the original film. Oscar still plays poker with friends each week—only now with elderly ladies rather than chums—and serves them food (better prepared this time). Felix still makes loud, embarrassing noises to clear his sinuses, and continues his penchant for locking himself in bathroom stalls. Even the flirtatious Pigeon sisters have been updated to those biker chicks mentioned before. However, these comedic revisits simply aren't as funny as they were three decades ago. The quick-witted young guys seem like slow-witted old men now.

An interesting subtext existed in *The Odd Couple*. The two men made frequent—if humorously intended—references to traditional sex roles in marriage as

they applied to their relationship. In one scene, when Oscar comes home from work, he enters the apartment and yells, "I'm home, dear!" In another scene, when Oscar arrives home an hour later than expected, Felix whines, "Why didn't you call me?" At the end, when Oscar wants to kick Felix out, he shouts, "Our marriage is over!"

Not surprisingly, this sexual role subversion is totally absent from *The Odd Couple II*. Indeed, the banter between Felix and Oscar comes across as hostile. Seeing old people cuss is a common gag, but when Felix spews out the four-letter words, it's as sad as seeing an elderly relative fart. And when Oscar makes a sudden lane change on the freeway that sends nearby cars spinning, one can only assume that some untalented studio hack suggested this addition to Simon's screenplay. (There might as well be a fruit cart in the way for them to hit, too.)

Practically the only enjoyable remnant from the 1968 movie is Neal Hefti's theme song. Unfortunately, even that uplifting, bouncy tune is heard only here and there amid Alan Silvestri's uninteresting, sappy score. (Silvestri is responsible for the wistful melodies in *Forrest Gump*.)

Save yourself some money and go rent the original *The Odd Couple* on video. The story is fresher, funnier, and more endearing than this limp sequel.

If you really want to see this film, it's showing at Century Complex, Century Cinedome, and UA Olympus Point Theater. Check out the official Web site at www.oddcouple.com. ▼



An Interview with Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston

Tim Nasson
MGW/Staff

In "The Object of My Affection," Jennifer Aniston, television's Rachel of "Friends," plays Nina Borowski, a deeply troubled young woman who falls very hard and fast for George Hanson, a charming, handsome but gay young man, played by Paul Rudd, best known to film audiences as Alicia Silverstone's stepbrother in "Clueless".

While in Beverly Hills recently, both Aniston and Rudd took time separately on a Saturday afternoon to discuss the film and the impression it will soon make with audiences around the world.

"First of all, many people (one assumes the Bible belt folk among other uncultured and uncivilized) will be shocked to see Rachel pregnant, without a husband and in love with a gay guy. Once they get over those three things, I am sure they will warm to the story," says Aniston in a soft spoken voice.

In "Object..." Nina is by herself, making decisions on her own and ultimately ones that don't seem too bright. Why would any girl in her right mind drop everything, including a boyfriend and the father of her expected child for a gay man?

"I fell for the story as soon as I read it," Aniston adds, "It made total sense to me. Playing Nina was something I really wanted to do. There are so many love stories made into movies but this one was special. Unrequited love stories are always the best kind and most exciting."

"People experience what Nina experiences everyday. Many deep friendships turn into sexual attractions," she adds, "They are the reason for many marriages and

romances. This is just a case that seems destined to crumble from the very start. A woman in love with a gay man." Aniston even admits having fallen in love with a cute gay boy in high school. "I never told him, but I did want to

ing chances is part of any job. One needs to stay true to themselves and choose what drives them. I think I will wait a while to play a psycho killer with a shaved head.

Aniston who was born in California but lived in Greece as a youngster is the child of a soap opera actor and says she knew she wanted to become an actress the first time she went to a play, "Children of A Lesser God". "I remember weeping at the play and thinking to myself, 'I want to be

felt different amongst all the other farm boys.

I know that the story is a very common one. People fall in love with people who don't feel the same about them everyday. This time it just happens to be a woman in love with a man who is gay and a woman who is determined to make him feel the same way about her at any consequence."

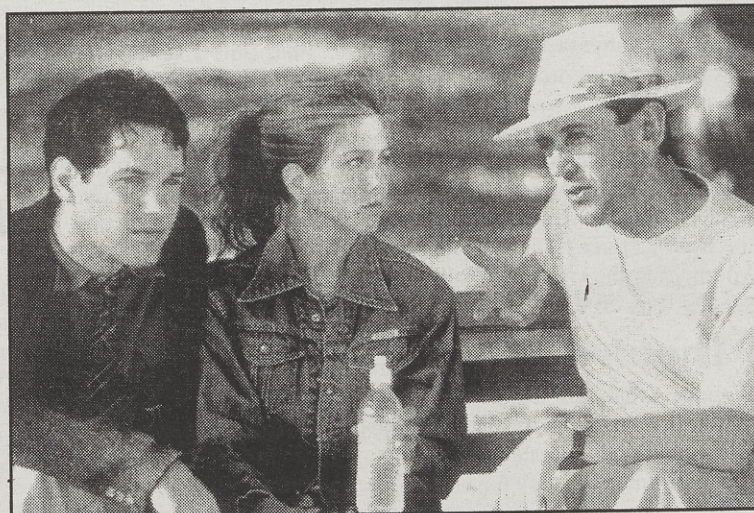
Rudd's take on his role in this film was simple. "I certainly didn't need to do research to play a gay character. If I was playing someone who had been in prison for years, I wouldn't spend six months in jail to get a feeling for what it's like."

Playing George did require him to kiss another boy (newcomer Amo Gulinello, a hot ticket) in the film, as well as Jennifer Aniston. When asked who the better kisser was, he quickly uttered, "I wouldn't be a gentleman if I said, would I?"

Though laid back and down to earth, Rudd was not shy about his feelings about the character he played. "I felt no responsibility to promote a gay character. I felt the responsibility to create a great character. Gayness is so NOT what he is all about. He is a person and that is how George is depicted on screen."

Though he and Aniston, both did take some lessons in ballroom dancing since it is an integral part of the book and the film. "I am a terrible dancer to begin with, so the lesson were necessary," Rudd adds.

Rudd works with Nicholas Hytner again this summer on



Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston on the set with director Nicholas Hytner

go out with him."

Aniston agrees with director Nicholas Hytner, "that everyone involved in the making of the film was concerned that the portrayals of each character were honest."

Aniston had some concerns about playing a character completely opposite from one people have come to relate to. "I wondered at first, 'If I branch out, what will people think?' But tak-

on stage and be able to touch people the same way I was touched."

Paul Rudd, twenty-nine, admitted that though he is straight it was "not a big deal to play a gay character." Playing George, the guy who is manipulated by the queen of manipulators, Nina, was "enjoyable" says Rudd who grew up in Kansas City a place where he as an Eastern European Jew

Broadway in "Twelfth Night" he will than work on a few other films. If one wants to see the adorable Rudd in something immediately, one may want to rent "Overnight Delivery" a completely forgettable film that is just now being released in time to capture in on Rudd's impending fame. This may become a trend. The same thing happened a few weeks ago when "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 4" starring Matthew McConaughey and Rene Zelleweger was released. ▼



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On Film...

Richard Simmons may think he's the second coming for overeaters but he is not every plump person's savior. In the new Canadian film *The Hanging Garden* from first time director **Thom Fitzgerald**, a large person finds their own way to a better life. The story takes a suicidal overweight boy to his return home, 25 years later, as a svelte confidant gay man. Though proud of his changes he is quick to learn that his Nova Scotian family is still as dysfunctional as before. *And faster than you can say caloric intake he ends up sweaten to his old foggies afterall.* ▼▼▼ San Francisco's Roxie Theatre will screen the best feature winner of the 1997 NY Underground Film Festival on Friday evening April 24th. The film is called *Fame Whore*, is a trilogy of stories about fame that has been described as a porno film without the sex scenes. *Isn't that like breakfast without orange juice?* The first story tells of a tennis champion who is ousted. The next piece looks at an abrasive un-talented woman who grasps for a career in the fashion industry. The last segment centers on a bizarre animal-rights advocate who has an imaginary friend named Mr. Peepers, played by a man in a large St. Bernard suit. *With movies like this, who needs mind altering substances.* ▼▼▼ It's hunk watching a go go in

the new movie *The Big Hit* opening April 24. The action comedy from director **Kirk Wong** stars **Lou Diamond Phillips** (Courage Under Fire), **Mark Wahlberg** (Boogie Nights), **Antonio Sabato Jr.** (Melrose Place) and **Bokeem**



Elton John and Tim Rice

Woodbine (Dead Presidents). *Now that's enough muscle flesh to do four Playgirl centerfolds.* ▼▼▼ **Jason Stuart**, one-time member of the comedy ensemble *Funny Gay Males* will play a teacher in the independent film *Southern Man*. Stuart's character takes a young abused boy under his wing to protect him from his father. Stuart's good intentions place himself in danger when the abusive parent comes after him. In another role, proving all gay actor's aren't type-cast, Stuart plays a straight adult film producer in the motion picture *Fla-*

mingo Dreams. ▼▼▼ **Gus Van Sant** (Good Will Hunting) will be the executive producer for a film called *Speedway Junky* in which **Nickolas Perry** makes his directorial debut. The film follows a

runaway teenager who longs to become a professional race car driver. You may remember **Perry's** segment *It Must Be The Music* in the movie of Gay short films called *Boys Life 2.* ▼▼▼ I hate to disappoint the two people looking forward to the **Gianni Versace** murder case movie, but after seeing the cast list, I have to ask, who the hell are these people? There's **Matt Servitto**, **Oscar Torres**, **David Pizzuto** and **Pablo Duran**. Oh, but take heart, the star of the film is **Melanie Griffith's** ex-husband **Steven Bauer**. *Couldn't they have at least written a part for Pia Zadora?* ▼▼▼ **Skeet Ulrich**, the portrait sitting street hustler in *As Good As It Gets* stars with **Jim Caviezel** (My Own Private Idaho) in **Ang Lee's** upcoming film *To Live On*. The civil war era story co-stars singer **Jewell** and has been filming in Kansas City, MO. ▼▼▼ **Johnathon Schaech** has just wrapped a project called *Woundings* with **Guy Pearce** (Priscilla, Queen of the Desert) in London and is getting ready to star for director **Gregg Araki** a second time. ▼▼▼

The San Francisco International Film Festival opens April 23 with the North American premiere of *Wilde* starring **Stephen Fry** as **Oscar Wilde**. **Brian Gilbert** directs this intense and intelligent exploration of the author's struggles in Victorian society as a homosexual. **Vanessa Redgrave** co-stars along with **Jude Law** (Gattaca) as Wilde's young lover, Lord Alfred Douglas the major catalyst to his downfall. This isn't Law's first time taking on a gay character, you may remember him as the **Kevin Spacey's** boyfriend in *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil.* ▼▼▼

In Theatre...

It appears that both film and theatre producers are convinced the public will be wild about Wilde. Not only will they have a

movie about the notable British writer but they can see him on stage as well. **David Hare's** new drama about **Oscar Wilde**, *The Judas Kiss* stars **Liam Neeson** and opens at Broadway's Broadhurst Theatre. The play looks at Wilde's doomed relationship with Lord Alfred Douglas and opens April 29th, the last day to be eligible for this year's Tony Awards. Unfortunately, *The Judas Kiss* won't be up for any Drama Desk Awards (for New York theatre) as those nominations are announced on April 27th. ▼▼▼

Lea DeLaria has stepped into the role of **Mama Morton** for the touring company of *Chicago*. Now in Toronto, DeLaria will join the revival after playing **Marryin' Sam** in the Encore Theatre's revival of *Li'l Abner*. Fans can catch DeLaria when the show comes to Cleveland in May and Seattle in June. **Ernie Sabella** (The Lion King) has stepped away from the New York production long enough to shoot the pilot for **Nathan Lane's** new TV series. ▼▼▼

The previously announced **Elton John-Tim Rice** musical based on the Verdi opera *Aida* has been retitled *Elaborate Lives: The Legend of Aida*. The story tells of a white Egyptian soldier and his forbidden love of a Nubian slave. Debuting in the Fall as a co-production with Atlanta's Alliance Theatre and Disney, the show will eventually move to Broadway. ttt A 25th anniversary revival tour of *The Rocky Horror Show* kicks off in the United Kingdom this month. The show will star Australian soap star **Jason Donovan** as the crazed transvestite Dr. Frank n' Furter. ▼▼▼ Talking genitals have never struck me as a smart theme to use in a theatrical title but playwright **Eve Ensler** disagrees with me. As is evident with her 1997 Obie award winning play *The Vagina Monologues* which debut at Seattle's ACT Bullit Cabaret April 23 through May 10. The piece is part of the Women In Theatre Series which also includes **Sara Felder's** solo show "Traditional Lesbian Jewish Wedding." ▼▼▼

Playwright **Terrence McNally** (Love! Valour! Compassion!) has been hired as librettist with composer **Jake Heggie** to create an original opera based on the film **Susan Sarandon** film *Dead Man Walking*. The piece is being commissioned for the San Francisco Opera's 2000 - 2001 season. ▼▼▼ Four time Tony award winner **Zoe Caldwell** will be this year's recipient of the John Gielgud Award for Excellence. Caldwell will be presented the honor on April 20th at a gala benefit in Washington D.C. This is the third year for the award which, ironically, is named after a gay actor and was previously awarded to two gay actors, **Derek Jacobi** and **Ian McKellen**. ▼▼▼ A noteworthy development in the world of Lesbian Theatre will take place Southern California this June. The Ivy Theatre, a group dedicated to producing and nurturing

the work of lesbian playwrights, will debut in West Hollywood. Named after artist/activist **Ivy Bottini**, the troupe will present three plays in its debut season. ▼▼▼

On Television...

Among the pilots being considered by the Networks for Fall pickup are a few with gay story elements. ABC is pondering the potential of a show from *Melrose Place* creator **Darren Star** about a guy who divorces his wife when he discovers that he's really gay. Warner Brothers is behind a pilot that puts a gay man in the situation of caring for his late sister's kids while Paramount has one about a straight cop and his gay partner. *Might as well call that last one 'NYPD Tourquois.'* ▼▼▼

▼▼▼ The USA cable network will premiere *The National Hate Test* on April 30. The special is compiled of vignettes which display people's hidden biases against race, religion and sexual orientation. The program will air in honor of the first 'National Erase the Hate and Eliminate Racism Day'. *Does Hallmark have a card for that?* ▼▼▼

The future of *Ellen* the series looked bleaker when the freshmen series *Two Guys, A Girl and a Pizza Place* drew bigger ratings as it premiered in 'Ellen's' Wednesday night time-slot. Fate took an opposite turn when the show's ratings for the following week dropped to lower levels than 'Ellen' was getting before it was put on hiatus. *Maybe 'Ellen' won't look like such a loser to ABC executives now.* 'Ellen' co-star **Joely Fisher** (Paige) has signed to do another series. Fisher will be doing a TV pilot for NBC called *Wish You Were Here* from *Mad About You* creator **Jeffrey Lane**. ▼▼▼ It's the 200th episode of *The Simpsons*, they have a guest appearance by **Steve Martin** to help celebrate. In the April 26th episode, Homer insults his garbagemen and loses his trash pickup service. So like any of us would do, he decides to run for the office of Sanitation Commissioner against the incumbent played by Martin. On the May 3rd episode a couple of advertising men will be voiced by **Brendan Fraser** (Twilight of the Golds) and **Steven Weber** (Jeffery). ▼▼▼ Monty Python alumnus **John Cleese** makes guest appearances on the April 28th and May 5th episodes of *Third Rock From The Sun*. Cleese will play an intellectual rival of **John Lithgow's** character, Professor Solomon. ▼▼▼

Misc...

Anne Rice's latest book *Pandora* hit book stores last month and now comes the news of her next work. The next piece to her Vampire Chronicles will be out in October and is being called *The Vampire Armand*. For those of you who forgot, that's the character **Antonio Banderas** played in the movie version of *Interview with the Vampire*. ▼▼▼

Send questions or comments to Gerald Semas at

ENDQUOTE

"I never go to discos now. I'd feel like the queen mother if I went, I'm so old. I'd rather go to an antique show or read a book."
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BOOK REVIEWS

Courage To Love:

A Gay Priest Stands Up For His Beliefs
by Will Leckie and Barry Stopfel
Doubleday Books, 1997

Shireen Miles
MGW/Staff

The story of Barry Stopfel's pioneering path to ordination as an Episcopal priest should be required reading for us all. I find myself grateful that this recent chapter of the story of the human rights movement is already in print, already a part of the history of our struggle for justice.

It was hard to hear about the homophobia which Barry and his partner Will Leckie faced with such amazing courage and integrity. Sometimes the bigotry was covert, like the hurtful suggestion from so-called friends within the church hierarchy that Barry pretend to be celibate until after he was ordained, or better yet, withdraw from the process until the whole Church was of a single mind. Sometimes it was overt, like the man who rose in protest at Barry's ordination by Bishop Walter Righter and the bishops who brought charges of heresy against Righter in 1996 because he ordained Barry. But there was also much love surrounding them. Sometimes it came from the most surprising places, like the courageous search committee of suburban St. George's Episcopal Church, who sought out and selected Barry to be their rector in the spring of 1993, and who stood by Barry and Will faithfully during Righter's trial for heresy.

This is also a love story of two young men whose faith in God, personal integrity and love for each other survived the harshest tests. In their darkest hours, they held each other, and remembered their shared mantra: Take a deep breath, love yourself and tell the truth. Pretty good advice for anyone. ▼



Wisecracker

The Life and Tunes of William Haines
William J. Mann
Viking Press, \$29.95

Lee Nichols
MGW/Staff

I'd never heard of William Haines, "Hollywood's first openly gay star," and you probably hadn't either. More's the shame. Billy Haines was drop-dead handsome, flamboyantly out, and indomitable, and William J. Mann's 400 page biography is a must read book for anyone interested in gay life pre-Stonewall.

Billy Haines was a star back in the days when billboards announced "Movies TALK," before tabloid journalism, and before "bachelor" translated as "fag." But long before "gay" meant homosexual and long before anybody had ever shouted *gay liberation* Billy Haines was a liberated gay man. When the brainless moguls of Hollywood ordered him to "act normal" and get married, Billy said he couldn't because his "husband" Jimmie would object. Haines' Hollywood mansion became the de facto "safe house" for the dozens of famous gay male actors and directors and for lesbian stars Claudet Colbert, Garbo, Deitrich, Pola Negri as well.

When Billy Haines luster as a film star dimmed he turned his hobby of interior decorating... Yes, interior decorating... into a wildly successful profession and he did the homes of such merchant princes as the Bloomingdales and rising Hollywood actors like Ronald Reagan. Actress Antia Loos put it well; "As a love-and-success story, Bill's legend was far more thrilling than any he ever filmed. Bill Haines and his life-long partner Jimmie Shields are buried beside each other, together still. ▼



Say Uncle

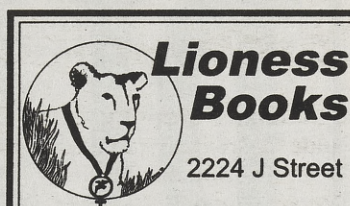
By Eric Shaw Quinn
Dutton Books, \$20.95

Lee Nichols
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Eric Shaw Quinn's *Say Uncle* is two novels, both damned good. The first one is the story of Michael Reily, a charmer gay readers will want to date and lesbians will want to party with. Michael is out...way out but boyfriend-less. One of his brothers is his best friend, the other is dating a bimbo you'll love to hate. Brother number one and his cool wife are parents of Scott, an adorable baby boy. When they're killed in an auto accident Michael finds himself the baby's unwilling, unprepared, un-smart daddy. The tale of Michael's journey from *puppy* to *poppa* is a joy to read.

Part two is told by Scott, now a young man. He's straight (See, gay dads can raise un-gay kids!), smart and funny. Scott's story didn't grab me the way Michael's did, but *Say Uncle* is still well worth the \$20.95 you'll have to shell out.

In a perfect world Hollywood would snap up the book and we'd be treated to a warm, funny movie. ▼



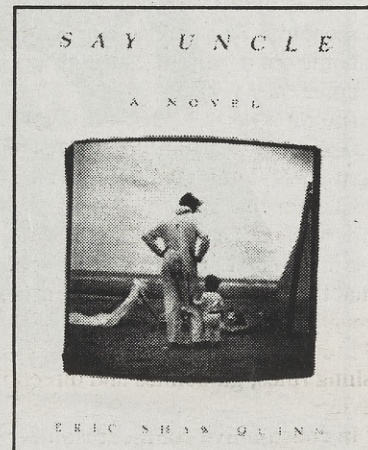
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The Lesbian Parenting Book
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Seal Press, 1995, \$16.95

Bea Betzner
MGW/Staff

Section One Our Lives as Lesbian Families

In Chapters one through three, uniqueness, options to consider, and familial relationships are covered. Some generalizations:

- Younger children tend to adapt more easily to having a new adult in the family.
- Adolescent boys tend to be more accepting of new lesbian partners than are adolescent girls.
- Children who have lost significant adults, through divorce or breakup of the mother's relationship with a lesbian partner, are less inclined to bond readily with her new partner.
- When children have to compete with their mother's new partner for attention, they are not likely to welcome her into the family.
- If the new partner's parenting style and values are consistent with what the children are used to, it is easier for them to relate and for the new partner to fit into the established family life.

Some essential ingredients in raising children are patience, cooperation, the ability to recognize what is in the best interest of the child and the willingness to put the child's needs first.

Joan Sophie's three stage model of identity development:

- 1. recognize & accept lesbian feelings
- 2. come out to self as lesbian or bisexual woman
- 3. come out to others

Definition of coming out—different degrees of recognizing, accepting and declaring lesbian identity.

Open communication involves risks. Authors pose useful questions in chapter four to consider and offer eight general guidelines for coming out to children.

Chapter five explores aspects of communication and conflict resolution by examining caring communication, being an approachable, "askable" parent and enumerates six guidelines. Note: children are most receptive to parental guidance to about age 12. Via the use of "I" messages, parents tell the child what they see, what they want, what they will or will not do, or how they feel when the child behaves in a way that is unacceptable to them.

Limit setting can be shared by both parents and involves the practice of consistently, and lovingly, establishing rules, guidelines and directions for appropriate behavior and explaining the consequences of misbehavior.

In constructive conflict resolution, the conflicts are seen as mutual problems to be solved; the authors offer an eight step methodology. Further, in resolving conflicts with adolescents, treating them as another adult and varying among collaborative, authoritative, accommodating, avoiding and compromising approaches depending on the importance of the situation can be most effective.

Chapter six navigates through troubled waters of loss and divorce and charts through seven seas of challenge and seven psychological challenges. One especially significant is putting the lover relationship in the background and the co-parenting role in the foreground with focus on the child and a parenting plan. Custody can be a difficult problem to solve.

Chapter seven deals with confronting racism from inside the family and outside, as well. Chapter eight addresses family traditions and creating new ones.

Section Two: Parenting Our Children as They Grow

Chapters nine through thirteen, cover quality care from before birth through childhood and development guideposts. Then in Chapter 14 the issue of engaged parenting is demonstrated using "if-Then" agreements. Next in Chapters fifteen and sixteen, the emotional growth and development of adolescents is addressed with factors to consider in developing independent thinking and responsible behaviors.

In addition, the authors include general and specific bibliographies by topic, resource listings, and index. The examples shared are specific and helpful. ▼

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Austin Baptist Church Welcomes Gays: Baptist Convention Angry

A Baptist church in Austin has been ostracized for welcoming gay members and ordaining a gay deacon. The Baptist General Convention of Texas' executive board has asked that the church no longer offer money or claim any type of affiliation with the board or the Texas Convention. In the 1940's the same church had been ostracized for allowing African Americans to become members of the church. The church with 200 active members will continue to hold services and welcome gay people. ▼

Cathedral of Hope MCC Target of Internet Bomb Threat

The cathedral of Hope Metropolitan Community Church in Dallas, Texas, the world's largest predominately gay and lesbian congregation, has been the target of a bomb threat posted on the Internet. The threat is being investigated by the FBI.

The Rev. Troy D. Perry, Moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, the parent denomination of the Cathedral of Hope MCC, noted: "We strongly condemn these threats to our constitutional rights to worship and free assembly. Over the past 30 years, more than 20 Metropolitan Community Church congregations have been targets of the hate crimes of arson or firebombing, and many more have faced threats to both worshipers and property." ▼

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ART/TRAVEL

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GAY DOWN UNDER

Gary Myerscough (Sort of)

Mardi Gras in Sydney, Australia has become one of the world's premier queer events and MGW's Postcard Queen, Gary Myerscough, was there. . . nearly as he remembers. Actually we know he was because he sent MGW a batch of local newspapers heralding the event.

The 1998 Mardi Gras was the city's 20th and far and away the most outrageous. A far cry from the first gay Mardi Gras in 1978 when Sydney police blocked the marcher's path. That year the cops hid their badge numbers and waded into the conservatively dressed crowd. The marchers had anticipated trouble from the bystanders, not from the police. But it was the boys-in-blue rather than the blue noses who started—and finished the trouble.



Twenty years later a record crowd of 700,000 lined Oxford Street three deep to watch the wild and wacky marchers and cheer the international entries, including San Francisco's Gay Men's Chorus, Miss Tonga Galaxy and 30 marching boys from New Zealand.

Perhaps the clearest evidence of the change in twenty years was the interest of the media. This year's Mardi Gras was covered by reporters from 20 countries, including China, Poland, Indonesia and Finland, along with loads of Yanks bearing pens; including, as noted, our own Post Card Queen. . . as nearly as he remembers. ▼

Only 140 Days To Go Gay Games Amsterdam 1998

Gay Games also for 'Special Needs'

"We'll do everything we can to make sure that people with special needs, like disabled people, will also be able to participate in the sports or culture that Gay Games has to offer", according to Lydia Aijdel, coordinator of the so-called Special Needs Section for Gay Games Amsterdam 1998. Lydia, herself a wheelchair user and an athlete, is of the opinion that the gay community is rather focused on beauty and good looks. She believes Gay Games will go along way in changing these attitudes, especially by the participation of athletes with special needs. By 'Special Needs' Gay Games means people with a physical disability, wheelchair users, people who are deaf, blind or visually impaired, who have lung diseases or are chronically ill and people who are HIV-positive or have AIDS. While some sports may be less suitable for participation, athletes with special needs are expected to take part in wheelchair dancing, tennis, track and field, the marathon, bench press and swimming.

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It is a first for Gay Games that Dancing will be an official competition sport. 250 women's and men's pairs, including 20 wheelchair couples, can take part in this exciting event, which is divided in Ballroom Dancing, Latin American and Wheelchair Dancing (combi-class). From all over the world, 160 couples have already registered. The finals and the following prize-giving ceremonies are planned for the afternoons. The activities, including several workshops, will take place in the Sporthallen-Zuid. The competition will start with a fantastic opening ball on Monday evening August 3, and end with a festive closing ball with dance demonstrations on Thursday, August 6.

Run on tickets

Gay Games Amsterdam 1998 has a lot to offer for all participants and visitors. Tickets sales started in December 1997 and there has been a great demand for tickets for the various events. You can purchase tickets for a range of sports events including Bodybuilding, Figureskating and Swimming or culture events such as the Storytelling Festival, the Choir Festival, the Women's Festival or a visit at the Anne Frank House. You can even book your child's place at the daycare center. Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Opening and Closing ceremony at the Amsterdam ArenA Stadium. A maximum of 2 or 4 tickets (depending on the activity) per person can be ordered for each event. Special Visitors Passes can be purchased giving access to various events and free public transport within Amsterdam. You can find all the information on the Internet: www.gaygames.nl. Tickets can be ordered at the Gay Games Ticketcenter (for more information as well), tel: +31-20-4200, fax: +3120-6229 011, e-mail: gaygames@uitburo.demon.nl.



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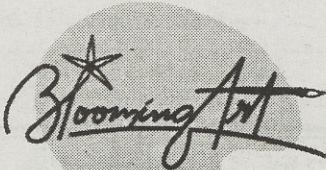
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Vacation Tips for Traveling with Pets!

Joan B. Guertin
MGW/Staff

My daughter, Dorothy, has been working at a boarding kennel since before Christmas, so when I was looking for a topic for this column, she and the kennel owner both pressed me to cover the issues that they frequently have to deal with. Of course, with vacation season on us, it seemed to be a timely subject. I know that I have covered some of this before, but it never hurts to remind folks of the things that help take the stress out of either traveling with the family dog or making sure that arrangements are made for safe lodging if you are taking advantage of the services of a local boarding kennel.

Since we live in a major tourist destination, the majority of this kennels clients are from out of town and when visitors arrive here they often discover that there is "no room at the inn" for the family pet. Following are some tips to make traveling easier for you and your pet.

Reputable kennels will not take boarders without proper inoculations. Most won't take your word for it. **YOU MUST HAVE PROOF IN THE FORM OF A VETERINARY STATEMENT.** A copy of the last bill showing date and type of shots, will do fine. And if you even think that you might need to be boarding, have the Bordetella (kennel cough) boosted. You may also find that the area that you are visiting has some shot requirements that aren't considered important at home. So, if you have a particular destination in mind, you might check with

your vet or call ahead to find out if anything extra is needed.

The other reason to have up-to-date shot records with you is in case of an accident or an emergency requiring a trip to the vet. If the vet knows what your dog is protected against and when the shots were given, he knows where to go from there. You want to also make sure that rabies shots are current. There are some area

nation.

To be sure that you are always prepared, when you do the annual boosters, before filing the records away, make a copy to put in the glove box of the vehicle along with the registration and proof of insurance. Or, if you have a regular travel bag for your dog, check to make sure that a copy is in place so you aren't caught unprepared.

I find that it is also helpful to travel with a prepared list of feeding instructions, medication needs and emergency numbers, including that of the vet at home. When you are standing at the counter, checking the dog in, it is often hard to remember everything!

Also, when packing, take along extra food if you feed an oddball brand like I do or know for sure that your brand is available locally so you can keep your dog on its regular food. I also carry bottled water when traveling so that my dogs don't run the risk of having difficulties with frequent changes.

What do you look for when looking into using a boarding kennel? If you have time to shop, it is easy. Visit all of the likely prospects. Look for that facility that tells you that they won't accept your dog without proof of current vaccinations. If they are consistent in that demand, then everyone is expected to comply. If you have to ask them about the shot requirements, it may mean that they don't care, they just want your business at all cost.

I don't want to leave my pet in an environment that is not clean. If the kennel stench overwhelms you when you walk in the door....leave! Healthy, well kept facilities needn't smell like a kennel. And, don't be afraid to ask for a tour of the facility. I want to know just where and how my dogs will be housed. Are they clean? Is there feces or urine in the runs? I have worked in kennels and I know first hand that they can and should be kept clean and sanitary by picking waste up frequently.

Do they offer an exercise period for your dog. Sometimes it may be at a small extra charge,

Gay Proud Dog



Gay Pride parades and fairs bring out Dads and their dog kids.

in the Southwest with high incidences of rabies and they may have quarantines in place. You can cross the Border into Mexico, for instance, without a problem. However, you won't leave without current proof of rabies vacci-

but there should be some opportunity for dogs to be out of the runs on a daily basis. Do they medicate according to your instructions? Will they willingly feed your diet if you ask?

How do you feel about the attitude of the proprietor and the help? Do they seem to like what they do? Do they appear to like their charges? It is pretty hard to fake it if they don't like dogs. After all, you are vacationing or leaving on business and you need to feel assured that your dog will be receiving the best of care in his home away from home.

If you are traveling at odd hours, make sure that you can make arrangements to pick up your pet when you return. Although many kennels are closed on Sundays, some will have a block of time set aside for pick-up. It always annoyed me to get home Sunday morning and have to wait until Monday morning to get the dogs. Course, the kennel I was using at first, always enjoyed an extra days board on me.

Remember now that plans are being made for vacations that there are more hotels and resorts that will accommodate those traveling with pets. However, even if the pet is allowed in the room with you, my rule is that I never leave my pet unattended. We don't know how they will react in a strange place for long periods of time. A howling dog in a motel can lose the privilege for all of us.

If I am sure that I have a very sound dog and it is too hot for him to be in the car, I may leave him in a crate in the room for a short period of time. But I always try to consider the comfort of others in the hotel. When in doubt, I don't leave my dog. Remember, there is always take out and delivery services for eating in!

If I do want to take a day trip without the dog, that is where it comes in handy to be able to board for the day. So, I am always prepared. There are some places, such as zoos and amusement parks, that are not appropriate to bring the dog.

If you are a died-in-the-wool take-your-dog-along sort of traveler, you would be smart to subscribe to **DogGone, The Newsletter about fun places to go and cool stuff to do with your dog.** Published by Wendy Ballard six times a year for \$20.00. Order your subscription from Box 651155, Vero Beach, FL32965.

I shouldn't have to say anything about leaving dogs in cars in warm weather, but I will. Remember, temperatures can shoot up 20 degrees inside the car over what it may be outside. Even if the car is in the shade, it may be too hot inside and your dogs life is at risk. It takes only a few minutes for the poor animal to suffer from heat stroke. PLEASE, if you have to run errands, leave Rover at home. Don't take a chance, it isn't worth your pets life! ▼

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THEATRE/DANCE/SYMPHONY

ACTOR'S WORKSHOP, *Burn This*, April 24-May 31, 8pm, 484-3750

AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE THEATER, *Symphonic Band*, Mar 16, 8pm, *Concert Band*, 8pm, March 19, *Sunday Jazz with Jessica Williams*, 7:30pm, March 22, *Torch Song Trilogy*, Apr 24-May 3, 484-8368

THE B STREET THEATER, *Gun-Shy*, Opens March 29, 7pm, 2711 B Str., 443-5300

CSUS PRESENTS, *Sister Angelica and The Old Maid and The Thief*, April 24-May 2, 8pm, University Theatre, 278-6604

CALIFORNIA SYMPHONY, *Hilary Hahn*, violinist, Oct 11, *Beethoven & Elgar*, Jan 10-12, 1407 Oakland Blvd, 510-280-2490

CHAUTAUQUA'S PLAYHOUSE, *The Miracle Worker*, Mar. 6 - Apr. 11; *Gaslight*, Apr. 24 - May 30, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael, 489-PLAY

COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, *The Miser*, Apr 24, *Redwood Curtain*, July 9, 8401 Center Parkway, 688-7364

SCHOLL DANCE, *Blues Spin*, 8pm, Solano Hall, CSUS, 6000 J Street, 451-3732

EAGLE THEATRE, *Best Little Whore House in Texas*, March 6 - April 5, 8pm, 925 Front Street, Old Sacramento, \$10/\$9, 207-1226

GEERY THEATRE/LAMBDA PLAYERS, *The Sum Of Us*, April 3 - 25, *Finding*, May 15 - June 6, 22nd & L, 448-9019

JAZZEE DANCE COMPANY, "Seven... Ten Split", 8pm, April 30- May 9, 6000 J Street, 278-6306

LAMBDA PLAYERS, *The Sum of Us*, April 3-25, 484-4742

NAPA VALLEY SYMPHONY, *Russian Concert*, April 26, 3pm, April 28, 8pm, Lincoln Theater, Yountville, 707-226-6872

NEW CONSERVATORY THEATRE, *Double Fisted*, April 2-11, *The Ballad of Little Mikey*, June 4-18, *My Night With Reg*, March 26- May 16, *Ballistic Femme*, Saturdays - April 17-May 3, *The Box*, May 21-30, *Palpitations*, June 5-18 25 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, 415-861-8971

ORPHEUM THEATRE, *Miss Saigon*, August 30 for 14 weeks, S.F.

SACRAMENTO BALLET, *Fluctuating Hemlines*, *Prodigal Son*, Mozart's *Requiem*, April 16, 17, 18, *Beauty and the Beast*, April 18-19, Community Center Theatre, 1301 L Street, 552-5800

SACRAMENTO CITY ACTOR'S THEATRE, *The Lion In Winter*, April 24-May 23, 8pm, Sacramento Shakespeare Festival auditions, April 29, 7pm, 3835 Freeport Blvd, 558-2228

SACRAMENTO LIGHT OPERA, BROADWAY SERIES, *Chicago*, April 21-26, *Show Boat*, June 16-July 11

MUSIC CIRCUS, *Crazy For You*, June 13-19, *The Pajama Game*, July 20-26, *Cabaret*, July 27-Aug 2, *Joseph and teh Amazing Dreamboat*, Aug 3-9, *Brigadoon*, Aug 10-16, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, Aug 17-23, *South Pacific*, Aug 24-30, 557-1999

SACRAMENTO MEN'S CHORUS, *Be-Bop and Bobby Sox*, June 12-13, 8pm, June 14, 3pm, Musicians Union Hall, 1925 Del Paso Blvd.

SACRAMENTO OPERA, April 26, Auditions, 12:30pm, 24th Street Theater; *Der Fliegende Hollander*, Nov. 20-24; *La Fille du Regiment*, Feb 26-Mar 2 1999, 3811 J Street, 737-1000

SACRAMENTO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, *Angel Romero*, guitar, Sept 25-26, *Andre Watts*, piano, Nov 28, 8pm, Community Center Theatre, 1301 L Street, 552-5800

SACRAMENTO THEATRE COMPANY, *Hometown Heroes*, Feb 17-Apr 26, *Three Tall Women*, Mar 24-Apr 19,

CALENDAR

April '98

15 FRIDAY

KARAOKE, FACES, 2000 K St, 448-7798
WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP, Butch/Femme Roles, 7pm, Lambda Center
FUN TAX DAY

16 THURSDAY

KIVE ART AUTION, 8pm, Channel 6
FLUCTUATING HEMLINES: Sacramento Ballet, Community Center Theater, 264-5181
GALA DINNER & AWARDS, Golden Gate Business Assoc., California Culinary Academy, 625 Polk Street, San Francisco, 415-438-9933
GARMENT SHOW & "PRESS" PARTY, 7-11pm, Matrix Gallery, 923-9118
THIRD THURSDAY JAZZ SERIES, Crocker Art Museum, 264-5423

17 FRIDAY

KIVE ART AUTION, 8pm, Channel 6
RARE PLANT SALE, 9am-3pm, 18th & W Streets, 446-5384
PARSONS DANCE COMPANY, 8pm, Main Theater, UC Davis, 757-3199
ROSMARY GLADSTAR, Booksigning, Urban Herbalist, burn6:30-9pm, 1729 L Street, 447-HERB
RAINBOW CAMPERS, Coloma on the American River, April 17-19, 929-3074
DIFFERENT VOICES, Poetry, 6:30-10pm, Java Lounge

18 SATURDAY

KIVE ART AUTION, 8pm, Channel 6
PARSONS DANCE COMPANY, 8pm, Main Theater, UC Davis, 757-3199
GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS: Mountain Biking, Tilden/Wildcat Canyon Parks, 972-9230
FRUIT SPREADS, TASTING & DEMONSTRATION, 12-3:30pm, David Berkley, Pavilions
SINGLES PARTY, Gay & Lesbian Singles Mixer, sponsored by the Sacramento News & Review, learn how to write personal ads, refreshments and music, Open Book, 7pm, 498-1004
PARTY PARDEE, 7am-4pm, Sacramento Bike Hikers, Mardi Gras bicycle parade, music by Mumbo Gumbo, 7am check in, meal 11am-3:30pm, 483-1870
FREAK OUT, A dance for l/g/b/t youth, 7pm, 100 Collingwood, SF
ROSE GARDEN OPEN HOUSE, 10am-3pm, City Cemetery, 1000 Broadway, 443-2146
GSAC, General meeting, 7pm, 451-2370
DOT: Miniature Golf & Lunch, 11am, 530-756-6436

19 SUNDAY

KARAOKE, FACES, 2000 K St, 448-7798

APRIL 19 - 25

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

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20 MONDAY

AIDS LOBBY DAY: State Capitol, Meet with representatives in the legislature, 415-487-3080
HEMP RENAISSANCE RALLY '98, 10am-5pm, West Steps of the State Capitol, 530-753-2848
MEN'S DISCUSSION AND SUPPORT GROUP, Lambda Center, 6pm, 442-0185
SAN FRANCISCO PRIDE COMMITTEE, planning meeting, 7:30pm, 1390 Market Street, Suite 1225, San Francisco, 415-864-3733
LAMBDA FREEDOM FAIR COMM. MEETING, 6pm, Lambda Center, 920 20th St., 863-3018

21 TUESDAY

OPEN 8 BALL TOURNAMENT, A Gay Games fundraiser, 7pm, Townhouse, 1517 21st Street 492-2405
GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS: Board Meeting, 972-9230
KARAOKE, FACES, 2000 K St, 448-7798
SACRAMENTO MACINTOSH USERS GROUP, 6:30-9:30pm, 2003 Howe Ave, 457-9026

22 WEDNESDAY

CAP/PAC, Open House all sponsors for the Annual CAPPAC Dinner, drawing for free weekend getaway, 736-2722
KARAOKE, FACES, 2000 K St, 448-7798
DETOXIFICATION THROUGH HERBS, with Christy Porter, Urban Herbalist, 7-9pm, 1729 L Street, 447-HERB
SPRING SALE: LOTUS VALLEY NURSERY, 9am-5pm, April 22-26, 5606 Petersen Lane, Lotus, 530-626-7021

23 THURSDAY

TETEUCTINOS BOOK CLUB, Chicano & Chicana Spanish/English Readers, Open Book 7pm, 498-1004
CREATIVE MENOPAUSE, Candis Cantin Packard, Urban Herbalist, 6:30-9pm, 1729 L Street, 447-HERB
THE LOOK OF THE FUTURE: IMAGINING THE END OF TIME IN SCIENCE, FICTION, & THE ARTS, Discussion in Conjunction with Exhibition 7:30pm, room 217 Art Building, UC Davis 530-752-8500

FLAGS NIGHT OUT, 6:30pm, Borba's Pizza, 1813 Douglas Blvd, Roseville

24 FRIDAY

CAMPING WOMEN: Sly Creek Campout, April 24-26, 451-9132
DOT: Pizza & Planning meeting, 11am, 923-2117
ANNUAL GAY/LESBIAN SPIRITUAL RETREAT: 24th-26th, 484-4155
PET CLUB-MED WEEKEND III, Edgewater Resort, Kelseyville, 1-800-396-6224
PANDIT SHIVKUMAR SHARMA, Santoor performer, 7:30pm, CSUS Music Recital Hall, 278-6514
DIFFERENT VOICES, Poetry, 6:30-10pm, Java Lounge
SCOTTISH GAMES, Friday Night Concert, 7pm, Yolo County Fairgrounds, 557-0764
THE ACTOR'S WORKSHOP PRESENTS LANFORD WILSON'S BURN THIS, Theatrical play directed by Jerry Montoya, starring David DeFrancesco, 24th-May 31st \$15 Opening Night, \$12 Friday & Saturday, \$10 Thursday & Sunday, 8pm, The Actor's Theatre of Sacramento, 1616 Del Paso Boulevard, 484-3750

Pavilion, BASS Outlets

CAPITOL CITY SQUARES, Gay square dance club dance, 6:30-8:30pm Jefferson School, 2001 Pebblewood, South Natomas, 929-8697

POETRY READING CLUB MEETING, Open Book, 7:30pm

29 WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S READING GROUP, Open Book, 7:00pm
FACES, Ladies Night, 2000 K Street, 448-7798
INTRODUCTION TO REIKI: with Charlene Parman & Brenda Wahl, 6:30-8:30pm, 447-HERB

30 THURSDAY

ECLECTIC TRASH READING CLUB, meeting, Open Book 7:30pm
PATHWAYS TO INTIMACY, Free introductory lecture and discussion for lesbians, facilitated by Kate Mackenzie LCSW, 7:30pm, Lioness Books, 447-0350

MAY



Cris Williamson & Tret Fure, April 25 at the 24th Street Theater

25 SATURDAY

CGNIE 25TH SILVER JUBILEE EMPEROR & EMPRESS CORONATION BALL, 6pm, Turn Verein Hall, 3349 J Street, 371-5218
SCOTTISH GAMES, 9am-5pm, April 25-26, Look for Fred Harvey, Yolo County Fairgrounds, 557-0764
STACEY BARTLETT, Music, Rock Pop, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St, 498-1004
GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS: Feather Falls Hike, 421-6209
FOLSOM PARKS COMMUNITY YARD SALE, Lembi Park Sports Complex, 1328 Riley Street, 8am-2pm, 355-7285
MUSIC: STACEY BARTLETT, 7pm, The Open Book, 498-1004
BEYOND TEL AVIV FESTIVAL, 9pm, Paradise Lounge, 1501 Folsom St, SF 415-281-0839
SACRAMENTO CORONATION, 209-491-2437
SUNSET CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WEEKEND, food, wine, fly fishing, gardening, projects, home improvement, Menlo Park, 1-800-786-7375

26 SUNDAY

ANNUAL ROSE GARDEN TOUR: 12-5pm, 8 private gardens, Woodland, tickets \$6, 530-666-0781
APRIL IN PARIS, A celebration of food, music and art, benefit for Capital Public Radio, FETE 5-8pm, Dinner 7:30pm, Himovitz Gallery, 480-5944
THE CHIEFTAINS, 8pm, Sacramento Community Center
FESTIVAL DE LA FAMILIA, Old Sacramento, 264-7031
WINDHAM HILL GROUP, 2-6pm, Concord Pavilion, BASS Outlets
DOWNTOWN DIVAS, Female Illusionist Revue, 6pm, FACES, 2000 K St, 448-7798
SUNDAY NIGHT KARAOKE, with ZIZI, FACES, 2000 K Street, 448-7798

27 MONDAY

MEN'S DISCUSSION AND SUPPORT GROUP, Lambda Center, 6pm, 442-0185
STOCKTON CONNECTIONS, gay support group meeting, 7pm, San Joaquin AIDS Foundation, 4330 N. Pershing, #B-3, 209-476-8533
SPECIAL ELECTION, Laguna Creek Ranch/Elliott Ranch Community Facilities Dist. No. 1, Laguna Town Hall, 875-6610
SCIENCE FICTION READING GROUP, First meeting, 7pm, Open Book, 910 21st St, 498-1004
FRONTRUNNERS & WALKER, CSUS, 6:30pm, 974 8199
28 TUESDAY
ANDRE' RIEU & THE JOHANN STRAUSS ORCHESTRA, Dutch Violinist, 8pm, Concord

1 FRIDAY

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS: Kyak/ Canoe Trip, 972-9230
SACRAMENTO WOODWORKING SHOW, May 1-3, 10am-5pm, Sacramento Convention Center, 264-5291

2 SATURDAY

CELEBRATION OF PEOPLE PARADE, 10am-Noon, Chico, 530-893-3336
SIERRA SHOWCASE OF WINE, 2-4:30pm, Amador County Fairgrounds, 209-267-5978
WELLSPRING SWING GOLF TOURNAMENT, Whitney Oaks Golf Club, Rocklin, 8am, 557-2172
GREAT VALLEY FLY-IN, Watts, Woodland Airport, 9am-6pm, Hwy. 16 on County Rd 94B, 530-662-9631



The Chieftains appearing April 26, Sacramento Community Center

SECOND ANNUAL HAWAIIAN LUAU & FAIRE, 4-8pm, UC Davis, 530-750-0476

STORY OF NOAH'S ARK, ballet by Crockett-Deane Ballet, 7pm, Sacramento Waldorf School, 3750 Bannister Rd., Fair Oaks, 453-0226

DOT: Potluck and Video Night, 6:30pm, Roseville, 772-1371

HONORING THE GODDESS WITHIN, workshop with Carol Hannagan, 6pm, Lioness books, 442-4657

3 SUNDAY

MICHAEL NEUMANN CONDUCTS, Sacramento

EVENTS MASTER CALENDAR '98

S.F. International Film Festival April 23-May 7
Sacramento County Fair, 263-2975 May 7-10
San Francisco Pride Planning Meeting May 26
Davis Gay Pride Day May 31
Gay/Lesbian Days, Disney Orlando June 4-7
Women in Medicine '98 June 4-7
Annual CAP/PAC Dinner, 736-2722 June 13
Sacramento Lambda Freedom Fair June 13
Olympic Track & Field Trials July 14-23
International Bead & Button Show July 17-19
Capitol City AIDS Dance-O-Rama 863-3727 July 18
California Gift Show, L.A., 1-800-395-3901 July 18-21
San Diego Lesbian & Gay Pride Celebration July 24-26
SAF: Legendary Gatsby Summer Gala, 448-2437, Ext 228 August
Paradise Ride, Hawaii, 213-654-0800 August 8-15
Cap the Rockies Ride, Colorado, 213-654-0800 Sept. 8-13
Mercy All-Star Weekend, 851-2701
Golf -Friday September 11
Softball- Friday September 11
Gala - Saturday September 12
SAF: Capitol AIDS Walk, 448-2437, x228 September
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Coming Out Day, October 11
Anniversary of Domestic Partners Law in 1992 November 16

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Youth Symphony, Spring Concert, 3pm, Hiram Johnson H.S., 65th Street 388-5777

STORY OF NOAH'S ARK, ballet by Crockett-Deane Ballet, 4pm, Sacramento Waldorf School, 3750 Bannister Rd., Fair Oaks, 453-0226

WATERFRONT ARTFEST, 10am-5pm, View the Sacramento Yacht Club Annual Opening Day Parade, 100's of artists, Old Sacramento, 443-6223

6 WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP, "Before I was gay I was like this..." 7pm, Lambda Center, 920 20th Street
DOT, WOMEN'S NIGHT AT FACES, 8pm, 772-1371

7 THURSDAY

PLANTING AND HARVESTING MEDICINAL HERBS, class with Toni Garcia, 6-8pm, Urban Herbalist, 447-HERB

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8 FRIDAY

GAY & LESBIAN SIERRANS, Dining Out, 736-9333
BARBARA WILSON, book reading/signing, 7pm, Lioness Books, 2224 J Street, 442-4657
PACIFIC COAST INTERNATIONAL FENCING COMPETITION, May 8-11, Cal Expo Fairgrounds, Bldg. D, 263-2975

9 SATURDAY

GAY & LESBIAN SIERRANS, Urban tour of Woodland Victorians, 530-668-0691
LAMBDA LETTERS PROJECT, Annual Membership Meeting, 9:30am, 965-6851

14 THURSDAY

AN AMADOR AFTERNOON, Wine tasting, KIVE Studios, 5-8pm, 2595 Capitol Oaks Drive, 923-7474 x6491

15 FRIDAY

WILD WOMEN'S WEEKEND IV, Edgewater Resort, 707-279-0208
MOTHER LODE SESQUICENTENNIAL, May 15-17, Placer County Fairgrounds
MARIAH WILDERNESS EXPEDITIONS, Merced River, May 15-26, 510-233-2303
RAINBOW CAMPERS, Tower Park, Isleton/Rio Vista, May 15-17, 929-3074

1998 Shrine Circus

MAY 15-17

Dan Russel Rodeo Arena, Folsom
447-2788

16 SATURDAY

GAY & LESBIAN SIERRANS, Backpack trip in Mokelumne Wilderness, 421-6209

17 SUNDAY

LLAMA FAMILY FUN DAY, 11am-5pm, 1780 English Colony Way, Penryn, 663-2184
SPRING PRIDE BOOK FAIR, 10am-6pm, The Open Book, 910 21st Street, 498-1004
MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE, Cobb Mt., 707-279-0208
DOT, BAD SOFTBALL & BBQ, 11am, 923-2117
6TH ANNUAL PACIFIC RIM STREET FESTIVAL, 10am-6pm, Old Sacramento, FREE, 443-6223

18 MONDAY

AT&T GOLF CLASSIC, Weave benefit, 1pm, Ranch Murieta Country Club
ANNUAL KIDS FAIR, 11am-3pm West Hollywood Park, 213-848-6510

19 TUESDAY

COMMUNITY MEETING, Jayne Roundtree Commemorative Library, 920 20th Street Room 107, 927-9181

20 WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP, Check in and Planning meeting, 7pm, Lambda Center, 920 20th Street
INTRODUCTION TO REIKI, class with Charlene Parman and Brenda Wahl, 6:30-8:30, Urban Herbalist, 447-HERB

22 FRIDAY

FATHER-SON WEEKEND, American River Rafting, 530-367-2840
WOMEN'S MUSIC NIGHT, with The Flesh Petals, 8pm, Cafe Roma, 223 Third Street, Davis

24 SUNDAY

MEMORIAL DAY-COUNTRY ROCK, featuring Wayne Miller Band, Edgewater Resort, 707-279-0208
JAZZ SUNDAY, 9am-Noon, Central United Methodist Church, 5265 H Street, 452-5016

26 TUSDAY

MICHAEL CRAWFORD IN CONCERT, 8pm, Concord Pavilion, BASS Outlets

30 SATURDAY

INTO THE NIGHT, El Dorado Women's Center Fundraiser, 5-9:30pm, Serrano's Village Green, El Dorado Hills, 530-626-1450
ANIMAL CARE FAIR, 10am-4pm, Sacramento County Dept. of Animal Care, 4290 Bradshaw Rd, 875-5051

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KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

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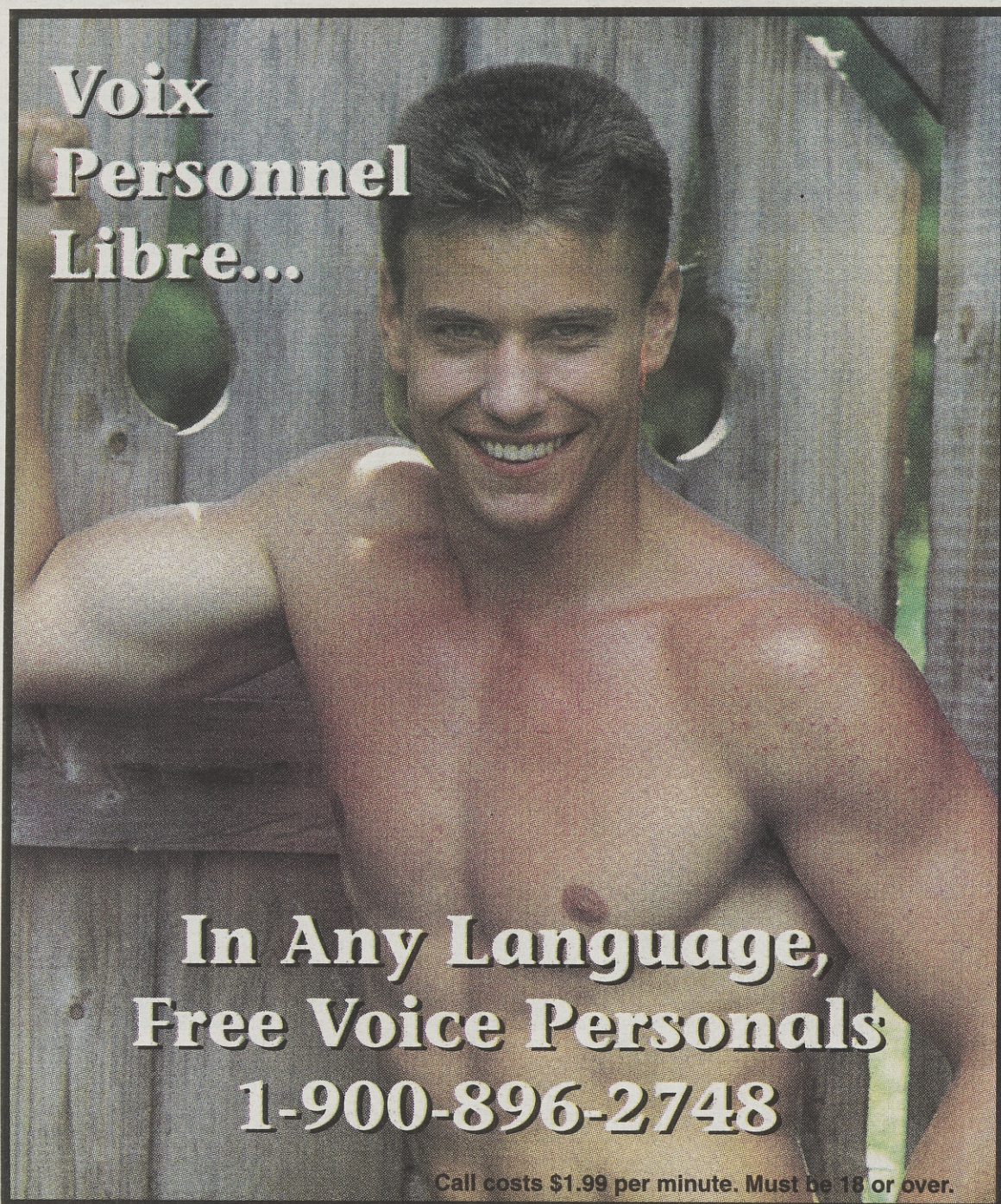
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